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**Practicing ‘Polar Bear Guts, Resilience, Integrity, Tenacity’ (GRIT) Every Day**

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A Message From the High School Principal:

I am writing to you today to update you on some of the things that are happening due to the recent decision by Governor Dewine to shut down Ohio schools for three weeks to try to stop the spread of Covid-19 (coronavirus). This is an unprecedented time in American History and we are all trying to figure out how to not only handle the current situation, but to also plan for the future, all without knowing what the future holds.

Over the past week, the administration and staff have worked diligently with area health officials, other school administrators, the OHSAA, and the Ohio Department of Education to try to be proactive in preparation for this scenario. At Hardin Northern, as with all schools, our number one job is to keep kids safe, which is exactly why Governor Dewine made the decision that he did. It is an attempt to not only stop the spread of the virus, but also to keep every student and school employee safe.

At Hardin Northern, we have a plan in place for all students and staff. Today, all students were supplied with a “Covid-19 Distance Learning Plan” packet. In this document, you will see that the online “distance” learning is outlined for students, teachers, and parents/guardians. It is filled with information, contacts, resources, and expectations. It is going to take a consensus effort by all of us to ensure our students’ success over this time.

In addition to this resource, the Hardin Northern website (<http://hn.k12.oh.us/>) has added a link at the top of the homepage that can be used to stay up to date with the latest developments and information that pertains to the school and Covid-19.

This will be one of, if not the most challenging times in the history of education, but with a good attitude, strong support, and a commitment to being successful, we can overcome this unprecedented event. We will be successful because we have GRIT! Be safe, be smart, be healthy, and GO BEARS!

Sincerely,

Andrew K. Cano—H.S. Principal