



April 17, 2020

Dear Orenda Public Charter School Families,

The Governor held a press conference today where school closure was addressed. Due to health and safety related to COVID-19, the Governor is ordering all schools to remain closed for the rest of this school year. This includes all activities and events scheduled during and outside of school hours.

We know this announcement brings with it questions regarding report card grades, GPA and class rank, and graduation. Since this entire grading period will be delivered through distance learning, district and campus administrators are reviewing our current grading policies along with GPA and class rank to make a decision that will not negatively impact students. The Governor also shared in the press conference today that more guidance on high school graduation will be released from TEA and the Commissioner of Education soon. We expect to provide communication with a decision on both changes to grading policies and high school graduation no later than Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> along with several other end-of-year announcements.

We know this is a challenging and disappointing time for our families and students as we make shifts to virtual or have to postpone/cancel some important end-of-the-year experiences. As a parent myself of a graduating senior, my heart breaks for our high school seniors who will be missing out on many traditional experiences to close out their high school career.

We are all in this together. I am continually impressed and greatly appreciate our Orenda families during this time as you have worked with us to facilitate learning at home. Remember, we are here to help and support your family and learning during this time. Please take care of yourself and your loved ones, and stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Carla Silber'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carla Silber  
Superintendent/COO  
Orenda Public Charter School District