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The TBAISD Superintendent Association, which includes superintendents from school districts in Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau counties, has been working closely with local health departments and monitoring Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance. We are taking all necessary precautions to prevent and limit the spread of COVID-19. To that end, the superintendents of the region have collectively agreed to take the following necessary action to prioritize the health and safety of students, staff, and community.

Effective immediately, the school districts in the TBAISD region will be following guidance regarding large gatherings (100 or more people in the audience) provided by the [Governor of the State of Michigan](#), [Michigan Department of Education](#), and the [Michigan High School Athletic Association](#). In response to the State of Emergency, all school district activities will adhere to the recommendation to limit spectators and/or audiences to less than 100 people with the intent to limit the spread of COVID-19. Each school district will advise on specific audience procedures.

The ever-changing nature of the COVID-19 outbreak has led us to this unprecedented situation. As we monitor new developments daily, we will continue to provide timely communication as critical factual information regarding the outbreak is updated by health authorities.

As a region of school leaders, we are taking these difficult but necessary precautionary measures even though we recognize that this may cause inconvenience for some. We must prioritize the health and safety of students, staff, and community.

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