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Michigan Nonpublic Schools Proceeding with Virtual Learning During the Unprecedented COVID 19 Health Crisis

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) memorandum issued March 20, 2020 indicating online instruction will not count toward instructional hours for public schools is only applicable to Michigan public schools. The great majority of members of the Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools are utilizing virtual learning and counting it toward instructional time for their students.

Administrators and teachers across the state in MANS member schools have been working diligently and tirelessly this week to prepare and implement distance learning plans for students. MANS Board member and Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Detroit Kevin Kijewski stated, "We believe that it is in our students' best interest to continue learning and developing skills remotely, even though they are unable to attend school in person."

Lutheran school superintendent and MANS Board member Travis Grulke added, "it has been a blessing to see our schools deliver their curriculum through a variety of means these past few days. We have many dedicated educators that have adapted in tremendous ways to make sure high quality content is delivered to their students on a daily basis as learning does not stop because we are kept from meeting together in our school buildings. All the work and effort by our teachers and students will definitely count toward their instructional hours."

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