



## **The Mayor's Report – March 2020**

### **Mayor David Weiss**

Hello

I'm here with Superintendent Dr. David Glasner, and Library Director, Amy Switzer. I wanted to assure you that the three of us are working in lockstep to help the community navigate the unprecedented disruption being caused by the coronavirus in Cuyahoga County.

We are all experiencing significant negative impacts on our everyday lives as a result of recent events. I know that the drastic social distancing measures being taken such as the extended school closing and the cancellation of events and meetings all across the City feels unsettling and have wide ranging consequences for all of you.

But my job as Mayor – first and foremost - is to protect the health and safety of Shaker residents, employees and first responders, which is why we have – and will continue - to take such aggressive social distancing measures. However, my job is also to reassure you that we will get through this together.

I hope you know that when you adhere to these social distancing measures, you are helping to slow the spread of coronavirus and helping to ensure that our first responders and hospital systems do not become overwhelmed by people needing care all at once.

I have great confidence in the incredibly dedicated staffs of the city, schools and library, and I have great confidence in all of you. You have demonstrated time and again a willingness to make personal sacrifices and to assist those who are most vulnerable and most in need. We need that now more than ever.

As we move through this crisis, we will continue to provide timely updates through our regular communication channels.

We are in this with you; we are all in this together. Now Dr. Glasner would like to say a few words.

### **Dr. David Glasner**

Thank you, Mayor.

I first want to thank our faculty and staff, our families, our students and our community for their patience and flexibility during this challenging period. As you know, our schools will be closed for at least three weeks, beginning this coming Monday.

This morning, I visited all eight schools to check in with faculty and staff and hear their feedback about the extended closure.

Our staff and students were busy preparing and I want to thank them for all they are doing to get ready.

Although our buildings will be closed, learning and teaching will continue. Many of the vital supports and services our schools provide to our students and our community will also continue, including food services. Last night, we shared a detailed multiple-level plan with the community that includes information on instruction, virtual learning, special education supports and distribution of meals.

You can view the plan on our website, [www.shaker.org](http://www.shaker.org).

None of this is easy.

We have students who are working on completing graduation requirements, and preschoolers who are just beginning their educational journey.

Our theatrical productions and athletic events have been canceled.

Our teachers are concerned about their students, and concerned about their own families.

But our community is resilient, and our students are resilient.

As the mayor said, we are all in this together and together, we will get through this.

Thank you.

**Director Amy Switzer**

Thank you Dr. Glasner.

We know the library is an important resource for many in our community. The health and safety of our community and staff is of utmost important to us. In light of the measures being taken to practice social distancing, we have made the difficult decision to close to the public as of 5:30 Friday.

Please don't worry about returning or renewing your materials while we are closed! Remember we are fine free. We prefer you return your materials when we reopen. If you have an item on a hold shelf it will be waiting for you when we reopen.

This is a rapidly changing and developing situation. Please visit our website [shakerlibrary.org](http://shakerlibrary.org) for updates and to take advantage of our rich our collection of digital resources. I have confidence in the resilience of our community and know we will get through this together.

Thank you.