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Thursday, March 19, 2020

Dear Marysville Families and Community Members,

The following is an update from the Marysville Public Schools District:

Closure

At this time, there is no change in the closure dates. Tentatively, all classes are scheduled to resume on Monday, April 6, 2020, during their regularly scheduled times.

School Buildings

Until further notice, all school buildings will be closed to staff, students, and the community, except for district administration, custodial/maintenance workers, and food service employees.

Food Distribution

In response to the governor's mandatory COVID-19 closure of all schools in Michigan, the district will be providing "grab-and-go" meals for students age 18 and under. This service initially began on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Grab-and-go meals will include both breakfast and lunch items for the week. So that the food service department can anticipate the amount of meals to prepare, please take a moment to fill out our [survey](#).

All meals can be picked up in the bus loop behind Marysville High School from 11:00 AM thru 1:00 PM on the following dates:

- Tuesday, March 24, 2020
- Tuesday, March 31, 2020

The above is a drive-through process on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last; food service staff will ask how many children need food and will deliver the food to each vehicle. They will also be asking for student names that the meals are intended for. Even so, children do not have to be present. Should the closure be extended, we will communicate additional information about future food pickups.

Academic Plan

K-12 Supplemental Online Learning Resources

Beginning Thursday, March 19, 2020, supplemental online learning resources will be made available to our families. Although this learning mode may result in hardship for some of our students who don't have access to the internet at home, it's momentarily our best option to our regular classrooms. The district's goal is to provide supplemental resources that reinforce previous instruction on topics/concepts that have already been covered in school prior to the state-mandated shutdown (please see "[at-home learning resources](#)" or [education companies offering FREE subscriptions due to school closings](#)). Consequently, no new instruction or assessments will be given during this time period. Likewise, these resources are considered to be optional; students will not be graded by staff on their efforts. Teachers will provide new learning experiences and curricula when classes resume.

In the following weeks, updates to our online learning resources will be made by our staff members for students and families to access. Please be mindful that these are supplemental activities designed to be completed as desired and will not be graded or assessed.

Technology

All students in grades 3-12 have Chromebook devices issued to them for personal use. However, if you have a child in grades K-2 that does not have access to a personal device, please feel free to complete our [survey](#) and the district will be in contact with you so that arrangements can be made for one to be issued to your child(ren).

AP Classes/Testing

The AP Program is developing resources to help schools support student learning during extended closures, as well as a solution that would allow students to test at home, depending on the situation in May. CollegeBoard will also announce portfolio submission deadline extensions for AP 2-D Art and Design. Additional information will be posted by March 20.

Online Classes/Dual Enrollment

For those high school students currently taking online courses or dual enrollment classes, it is recommended that they continue to work towards the completion of these courses.

English Learners/Special Education Learning Opportunities and Activities

English Learners and students with IEPs will also be provided access to supplemental online learning opportunities and resources from members of their child(ren)'s school special education team.

State/National Assessments

Currently, we are awaiting guidance from the State of Michigan on its plans for testing. Shipments of M-STEP, MI-ACCESS, SAT, PSAT 8/9, etc., materials for the April assessments have been delayed. WIDA testing has been completed for most of our students. We will update you with the latest information on each assessment once it is shared with us.

Additional Resources

How to talk to your child about COVID-19

- [Talking to Children about COVID-19 \(NASP\)](#)
- [Talking to Teens and Tweens about Coronavirus \(NYTimes\)](#)
- [Talking to Kids about Coronavirus \(ChildMind\)](#)
- [Resources about Coronavirus \(PBS & BrainPOP\)](#)
- [St. Clair County Library System](#)
- Michigan eLibrary: [Home](#)
- Michigan eLibrary: [Kids](#)

Questions

If you have questions, please feel free to email me at swightman@marysvilleschools.us. Moreover, thank you for partnering with us to fulfill the vision and mission of the Marysville Public Schools District. Together, we are #1MARYSVILLE!

Sincerely,



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"Personalize learning for every student through rigor, relevance and relationships."