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Monday, August 17, 2020

Dear Marysville Families and Students,

On Thursday, August 13, 2020, the Marysville Public Schools District's (MPS) Board of Education approved a [COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan](#). They also considered three proposed "Return-2-Learn" options to begin the 2020-21 academic year (100% face-to-face learning with MPS staff only, 100% virtual learning with MPS staff only, or a mixed model of face-to-face and virtual learning). After a great deal of thoughtful consideration, dialogue, and discussion, the Board of Education determined that the best course of action for the District at this time is to utilize 100% virtual learning with MPS teachers until Monday, November 9, 2020, with a gradual plan to transition everyone back for face-to-face instruction.

Because of the aforesaid, families can plan for the following:

1. Virtual (online) learning for all MPS students to begin the 2020-21 academic year. Students' schedules, materials (i.e., textbooks, workbooks, novels, etc.), and technology devices will be assembled for pickup by families before Tuesday, September 8, 2020; more information will be forthcoming from building-level administration.
  - a. Note: Temporary virtual learning this fall will be more rigorous than the emergency measures put in place last spring. More specifically, virtual learning enhancements for the 2020-21 academic year will include:
    - i. Google Classroom as a primary learning platform
    - ii. All students will partake in both synchronous (real time) and asynchronous instruction
    - iii. Increased contact time with classroom teachers and special education staff
    - iv. Students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) will receive progress monitoring towards their IEP goals
    - v. More structured daily schedules
    - vi. Daily attendance taken
    - vii. Students will receive timely/meaningful feedback and grades
2. All students enrolled in the "Vikings Online" program will be reassigned to the District's virtual program and MPS teachers.
3. Meal services will be provided during the District's virtual learning start to the academic year. All Marysville students can receive breakfast and lunch each week. For your convenience, meals will be delivered directly to students' homes via school bus or made available for pickup at Marysville High School. Meals will also be directly charged to each student's account via Skyward, based on their lunch status (such as free, reduced, or paid) and quantity of meals ordered per week; if interested, please take moment to complete the following survey:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1pqI0h2ckImjMvatKH80y12ITJNFZswQcxTJtE-vyykn/edit?ts=5f3abeb4>.

4. All extracurricular programs will be permitted unless otherwise cancelled by another governing body (i.e., MHSAA, MSBOA, MDE, State of Michigan, etc.).
5. Due to numerous executive orders imposed by Gov. Whitmer to limit the spread of COVID-19, the District will be cancelling all Open House events scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, 2020.
6. The Marysville Children's Center will continue to provide latchkey services from 6:30-8:30 AM and 3:30-5:50 PM (Monday thru Friday). They will also be offering a "Virtual Care" option from 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM (Monday thru Friday); for more information about these programs, please call Jennifer at (810) 364-3165.

During this difficult time, the District's resolute commitment to education remains. Consequently, the best way to provide certainty of learning in a time of uncertainty is through virtual modes of instruction; this will be the case until we safely transition to face-to-face learning.

Sincerely,



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