

To: Staff, Students, Parents, and the Public

From: Bill Strom, Superintendent

Date: Friday, March 13, 2020

Re: COVID-19 & MLPS

Mountain Lake Public School wants to be a stabilizing influence for our students, families, and communities in these uncertain times. The COVID-19 situation presents challenges to everyone in our community and beyond. We are determined to work together for the good of all. Therefore, we are implementing precautionary actions and strategies to respond to this matter.

At the top of our list is the health and safety of all.

Public information and response to this matter is changing moment by moment. We are keeping up-to-date with these changes and adjusting as required and necessary.

- A school task force has been created to gather information from local, state, and federal agencies, and formulate our district response to this situation.
- We will make every effort to follow recommendations from federal and state officials (MDE, MDH, Governor, etc.)
- As of Friday, March 13, 2020, the Minnesota Department of Education, along with the Minnesota Department of Health, is not recommending that public schools be closed.
- Based on recent (3-13-2020) MDH recommendations, we are postponing the following:
 - The band and choir concert scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, March 16, 2020.
 - The basketball banquet scheduled for 4 p.m. Sunday, March 16, 2020.
- The postponing or cancellation of other upcoming events (conferences, concerts, field trips, etc.) will be called on a case by case basis. We will keep you informed.

- Palmer Bus Company transports our students to and from school every day. As of March 11, 2020, buses have been disinfected on a daily basis.
- Our teaching and custodial staffs are giving increased attention to daily cleaning surfaces that students touch: door handles, light switches, drinking fountains, desktops, technology devices, etc.
- Beginning Monday, March 16, 2020, and continuing until further notice, there will no longer be a salad bar during noon hour. Other student “self-service” options will be managed by staff, or closed to students.

Please visit our school website for helpful updates on the COVID-19 virus:
<https://home.mountainlake.k12.mn.us/>