

Date: November 19, 2020

To: Parents, Students, and Community Members

Re: Distance Learning to Begin for MLPS Students in Grades 9-12

Due to the increased rate of community and county spread of COVID-19, we are implementing distance learning for students in grades 9-12. Students in grades P-12 will attend school this week as they have since the beginning of the school year. Here's the general plan for the upcoming weeks:

Before Thanksgiving (The week of November 23rd)

- **Monday:** All Preschool-12 students will attend school on Monday, November 23rd.
- **Tuesday to Friday:** Thanksgiving Break will start early. There will be no school from Tuesday, November 24th to Friday, November 27th. Teachers will use Tuesday and Wednesday to prepare for distance learning.

After Thanksgiving (The week of November 30)

- **Grades 9-12:** Beginning **Monday, November 30** until **Friday, December 11**, students in grades 9-12 will attend school via distance learning.
- **Grades Pre School-8:** On **Monday, November 30**, students in grades P-8 will attend school as they have since the beginning of the school year. As of right now, grades P-8 will not attend school distance learning.

Mandated Teacher Preparation Time

The Governor recently mandated that schools create additional preparation time for teachers to put together learning materials for students. This means that school (including 9-12 Distance Learning) will dismiss at 12:15 each Friday (or the last day of the school week) starting on December 4 and continuing until the Governor decides otherwise.

More Information for Distance Learning Students (Grades 9-12)

Next week, students and parents will receive more information about how grade 9-12 distance learning will work. The information will include how food service will work for distance learning students.

We're taking an incremental (baby-step) approach to this situation. We'll study the numbers, listen to the experts, and focus on the needs of our students, families, staff, and community. Let's make the days ahead be ones where we value the interests of others above ourselves.

Best Regards,
Bill Strom
Superintendent