



Aug. 6, 2020

Hello District families,

The start of the school year for students is about a month away and we wanted to provide some additional information to our families.

1. I was unable to attend last night's virtual Q&A session. Will others be available?

We will hold a second virtual question-and-answer session with Online Learning Coordinator Jill Gurtner and others tonight at 6:30 for families who are seriously considering virtual learning for their child or children for the entire 2020-21 school year.

Please click on this [Zoom meeting link](#). You can also find more information on the [front page of the District website](#). The meeting will also be available on our [YouTube Channel](#), although if you view it from there you will not be able to ask questions. [Last night's Q&A](#) is also available on our YouTube Channel.

Please check out the 2020-21 instructional models below to learn more.

2. What is the status of the Meal Distribution Program?

Free breakfast and lunch will continue to be served at eight locations across the District on weekdays through Friday, Aug. 14. Please visit the [District website](#) to find the times and locations.

The District plans to continue providing meals once student instruction begins on Tuesday, Sept. 8. We are currently working out the details, including locations and times, and will share them with families once they are finalized.

3. Will the Weekend Food Program continue with the school year starting virtually?

Yes, area churches and the Education Foundation plan to continue offering free meals to families on Friday at the meal distribution sites. Those organizations have continued to provide up to 300 bags' worth of food throughout the summer.

The bags have been available on a first-come basis and will continue to be for the 2020-21 school year. Again, we will let you know when locations and times are finalized.

4. Will personal hygiene supplies be available with the school year starting virtually?

The Education Foundation has continued to raise funds to provide personal hygiene supplies for families in need. The Foundation plans to make supplies available but dates haven't been determined yet.

Approximately 200 boxes' worth of supplies will be available at the eight meal distribution sites on Monday, Aug. 10. Please visit the [District website](#) to find the times and locations.

5. How will families that need a computer get them?

The District is providing devices for every 4K-12 student in 2020-21. Children aren't required to use a District-issued device although we encourage everyone to pick up one to be safe.

Elementary schools announced the dates and times for their device distribution this week via an email this week. Families with 4K or middle and high school students will find out their dates, times and locations next week. We will post the information on the main page of the District website and update as more information becomes available.

6. Will MiFi devices be available to families?

The District will be reaching out to families who used MiFi devices for internet access in the spring to see if they need a device for the 2020-21 school year. If you are new to the District and need a device or if your situation has changed from the spring, please [email the Help Desk](#) or call 829-9036.

7. I haven't completed the student information verification form. Is there still time to do so?

Yes, the online form, which includes up to eight sets of questions, will remain available through Aug. 31.

The last section includes a question about your family's plans regarding virtual learning. If you are able to complete the survey by Aug. 10 in order that cohorts in schools can be developed along with making final determinations on transportation once MCPASD returns to in-person instruction for students in school buildings, we would appreciate it.

And a reminder the student information verification form is available online this year because we aren't holding in-person Information Days, which normally take place in mid-August.

8. I want to view the School Board's special meeting on Aug. 5. Where can I access it?

The 41-minute meeting is available on the [District's YouTube Channel](#). It can also be access on the [District's Facebook page](#). Stories about what was discussed and voted on at the meeting will be available on the [District website](#) starting on Friday.