



Hello District families,

I've written this before, both in the email communications you have received from the District and in a variety of social media posts, but on behalf of the entire District administrative team I want to thank you for your support, patience and understanding this past school year, especially these past few months as we have dealt with these extraordinary challenges.

I haven't emailed families in a few weeks, but I wanted to address a few things that we wanted to share with you, along with information about the timeline for making decisions about the 2020-21 school year.

Here are the updates for Wednesday, June 10:

1. Are there resources the District recommends using to have conversations about race and racism?

District leaders are actively collaborating with one another and the Dane County Equity Consortium on a thoughtful plan for resource-sharing that will also include opportunities for active engagement.

The MCPASD School-Community Partnership, which including students, staff and other area leaders, met this week what active engagement might look like and next steps. Please watch for more details in the near-future.

2. Do I have any recourse if my internet service is cut off?

The Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) has learned that some Wisconsin internet customers have had service cut off because of unpaid bills. Providers have told PSC that they will restore service, at least through June 30, to customers who call them and indicate that they have been unable to pay due to COVID-19 related circumstances.

In order to keep internet service on the customer must call their provider and indicate their inability to pay their bills due to disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic and mention the company's commitment to the [Keeping Americans Connected Pledge](#). The Keeping Americans Connected Pledge only relates to internet and telephone service, not video or cable service.

Wisconsin residents with questions or concerns about the pledge or issues remaining connected related to non-payment should call the Commission's Internet and Phone Helpline at 608-267-3595.

3. What should I do if I can't make the scheduled time for pick-up and drop-off?

District schools will hold pick-up and drop-off events for students and families to collect their personal belongings and medicines and also drop off materials for four days. The first two were held on Tuesday and Wednesday. The remaining two are June 15-16. Students and their families have been assigned dates based on a child's last name when they can come to their school to pick up the belongings.

Here was schedule:

Tuesday, June 9	Wednesday, June 10	Monday, June 15	Tuesday, June 16
Last names beginning A-G	Last names beginning H-N	Last names beginning O-Z	Open to all families
7:30-11 a.m. & Noon-6 p.m.	7:30-11 a.m. & Noon-6 p.m.	7:30-11 a.m. & Noon-6 p.m.	7:30-11 a.m.

Families may only pick up items for their children. High school students may only pick up their items.

Please do not leave your vehicle. Make sure you pop the trunk or hatch to your vehicle. If you can't do that, or don't have a vehicle that has a trunk or hatch, please unlock the doors farthest away from the front so staff can put student personal belongings in your vehicle.

In order to keep everyone safe, place a sheet of paper on your windshield with the name of any students in your family whose materials are being picking up along with their grade, and the classroom teacher, if applicable. If you need to pick any medicines, note that on the paper as well. Families will remain in their vehicles, while a staff member retrieves the items. District officials are strongly suggesting you leave the items in your vehicle for 72 hours before removing them.

Attendees who are returning textbooks, library books, music instruments, athletic equipment, or Chromebooks, should place them in individual, clear plastic bags with the child's name on each bag. The items should be placed in the trunk or the back of the vehicle. Staff will take the items at the same time they drop off belongings.

The Technology Services Department is asking that the user name and street address be written on the plastic bag with the Chromebook. They also are reminding students who received a Chromebook in the spring because of virtual instruction to include the power cord and mouse with the Chromebook if you were assigned either of those items.

4. Will the meal distribution program continue for students during the summer months?

Yes, the nine meal distribution sites will continue to serve breakfast and lunch on weekdays from 11 a.m. to noon through June 30.

There will be some changes in July and August. The District will run sites weekdays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Sauk Trail and Kromrey where children 18 and under can get breakfast and lunch daily. The Education Foundation has raised funds to continue serving breakfast and lunches at other sites. The times and locations are to be determined. They also may only be open a couple of days a week, although if that is the case children will be able to get multiple days' worth of meals. More information will be shared with families via email and flyers at the sites as we get closer to July 1.

5. What do you know about the 2020-21 school year?

As Superintendent Dana Monogue noted in her video message to families last week, we continue to develop multiple plans for the next school year. We do not know if we will be able to resume school in

our buildings, have to continue with all virtual learning or go with a blended model that incorporates in-person and online instruction.

The fall scenario planning teams are meeting regularly to develop these plans. I have asked that they give me an update weekly so that I can share information with families, along with our staff. We realize uncertainty creates anxiety but it also doesn't make sense to announce a plan now that may be obsolete by tomorrow.

The Board of Education will receive a report on the progress made on each plan at its virtual meeting on Monday, June 22. The goal is to share a proposal about the 2020-21 school year with the School Board on July 13 with approval scheduled for the July 20 meeting.