



Middleton-Cross Plains
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Hello District families,

We promised we would provide regular updates on the work of the fall scenario planning team, which is considering options for instruction for the 2020-21 school year. However, we also wanted to provide a few other updates:

1. What actually is the fall scenario planning team?

We are in the beginning stages of planning for the fall. Teams have been formed and will meet through June and much of July.

The elementary instructional team is principals, teachers, instructional coaches, specialists, a library-media specialist, an ESL staff member and a tech integrator. The secondary instructional team is made up of principals, teachers and instructional coaches.

The teams will be answering several questions about possible scenarios that include learning that is fully virtual, a hybrid model of virtual and face-to-face, and fully face-to-face.

The planning teams include each of the following for development: instructional delivery, professional development, student and teacher schedules, student supports, learning feedback and grade reporting, and technology access for all. We also want to stress that the teams regularly collaborate, communicate, and share best practice with other Dane County districts.

There is also a communications team headed by Director of Communications Perry Hibner and a student and staff safety health team headed by health services coordinator Danielle Krbecsek.

The Board of Education received an update on the work of the fall scenario planning team at its regular meeting on June 22. The School Board will also receive an update on July 13. The plan is for the School Board to vote on an option at its meeting on July 20.

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction released an 87-page Education Forward Plan on June 22. We expect Public Health Madison & Dane County to also release more guidelines and regulations in the coming weeks.

The pandemic presents challenges and we are working hard to strike a balance, knowing that there is no plan that meets the needs and desires of every stakeholder.

2. Is there a survey families are being asked to take about fall instructional options?

Yes, the District sent out a survey on June 22 asking families to answer a handful of questions to better understand their willingness and concerns regarding having children return to school buildings for the 2020-21 school year.

[The online survey is available in English and Spanish](#) and should take 5-10 minutes to complete. The survey will close at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30.

It is not anonymous as it is important for the District to have an idea about transportation should in-person instruction be available, Director of Communications Perry Hibner said.

This is the first of two surveys the District will provide for families. The information provided in this survey will be shared with the fall scenario planning teams that are currently putting together in-person, virtual and blended options for the 2020-21 school year.

A second survey of parents will take place after the Board of Education approves the plan for the 2020-21 school year on July 20. That survey will give the District a better idea which families plan to keep their children home regardless of what option is selected, what changes the District may need to make regarding busing, and what protocols need to be put in place for those students whose families want an in-person experience, Hibner said.

Paper copies of the survey are available in English and Spanish at the nine meal distribution sites across the District. Paper copies in English and Spanish can also be found on the [District's COVID-19 Information & Updates page](#). Anyone who completes a paper copy may return it to the meal distribution site and staff will collect or they can mail it to Perry Hibner, District Services Center, 7106 South Ave., Middleton, WI 53562.

3. I would like to address the School Board about the instructional plans for 2020-21. What are my options?

The Board of Education has decided to hold virtual meetings on Monday, July 13 and Monday, July 20. If you are interested in submitting a comment to be read at the start of either meeting, please email Cheryl Janssen at cjanssen@mcpasd.k12.wi.us no later than noon on the day of the meeting. Please make sure your remarks are no more than 3 minutes in length.

You can also listen to the meetings live by calling 829-2371 and entering meeting number 2701 when prompted. The meetings are also recorded and will be available on the [District's YouTube Channel](#), usually within 24 hours after the completion of the meeting.

4. Are there resources related to the protests and issues concerning racism the District can share?

Families and staff have asked for resources to support them in having conversations about race and addressing racism. District leaders are actively collaborating with one another and with the Dane County Equity Consortium on a thoughtful plan for resource sharing that will also include opportunities for active engagement. Please watch for details to come.

5. We didn't get to pick up our child's items earlier this month. Will they be thrown out?

No. If you were unable to attend one of the four dates we held for pick up and drop off, most families will hear from someone at the school or schools their child or children attend about scheduling a time to pick up student belongings and drop off items, such as Chromebooks, library books or music instruments. You can also call the main office at the school and leave a message to set up a time, likely in July.

For families of students who attend West Middleton, Glacier Creek or Middleton High School and live in the Elver Park area, we will be delivering students items and picking up materials on Monday, June 29 and Tuesday, June 30 at the Moraine View Drive and Gammon Lane bus stops. Buses will have student items and arrive during meal distribution from 11 a.m. to noon. There will also be technology staff on hand if you need to return a Chromebook.

If you are not able to make either of those dates, materials will be returned to West Middleton, Glacier Creek or MHS. You can call the office at the respective school to set up a time to come out and get the items.

6. Will there be changes to the meal distribution program this summer?

Yes, there will be some changes starting on Wednesday, July 1. The new program will run on weekdays until Aug. 14, except for July 3 due to the holiday weekend.

Here are the particulars:

- Free breakfast and lunch will still be provided.
- All children ages 18 and under are eligible to participate
- Meals can also be picked up by parents or children.
- No meals will be consumed on site.
- We will follow best practices for social distancing at all sites.

Some locations and times have changed. Here are the Meal Distribution Sites starting July 1:

- 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Sauk Trail and Kromrey, Middleton
- 11 a.m. to noon: Park, Cross Plains, & Kalesy Court, Town of Springfield
- 11 to 11:25 a.m.: Arbor Lake Apartments, Middleton
- 11:35 a.m. to noon: Overlook Pointe Apartments, Middleton
- Noon to 12:25 p.m.: Moraine View Drive Bus Stop, Madison
- 12:30 to 12:45 p.m.: Gammon Lane Bus Stop, Madison