



Hello District families,

We promised we would continue to provide you with regular updates.

We want to continue to thank you for your suggestions and support. We have an amazing school community. Everyone plays a role in our District. We very much appreciate the role our families play in supporting students and staff.

We have been emphasizing to staff that they make sure to take time for themselves and their family and we want all of you to do the same. We can't emphasize this enough. These are stressful and challenging times. We need to be there for one another as well.

Below are updates and important information. You will notice some of it is similar to what you have already read but sometimes it is crucial to read it again.

1. Will there be another chance to pick up Chromebooks?

We know some families weren't able to pick up Chromebooks on Tuesday for their children for our online learning program. We will be offering one more opportunity for children and families to do so on Friday, March 20.

Here are the sites and times when Chromebooks can be picked up:

- Kromrey Middle School, 7009 Donna Dr., Middleton: 11 a.m. to noon
- Park Elementary School, 1209 Park St., Cross Plains: 11 a.m. to noon
- Sauk Trail Elementary School, 2205 Branch St., Middleton, 11 a.m. to noon
- Morraine View Drive Bus Stop, Madison: 11 a.m. to noon AND 6 to 7 p.m.
- Gammon Lane Bus Stop, Madison: 11 a.m. to noon AND 6 to 7 p.m.

You may go to any site to get a Chromebook. Please bring your child's student ID card or another form of identification. We will be including a flyer at the Meal Program distribution sites on Thursday and calling all District families on Thursday night as a reminder about the Chromebook pick-up.

Please remember if you have enough devices in your household for students to access online learning while schools are closed there is no need to get a Chromebook from the District.

2. Are there any updates about online learning?

Students and families should spend this week checking on access and logins and playing around with the online tools. Staff have been encouraged to reach out to their students and families as well just to see how everyone is doing and see what questions related to online learning people have.

If you have a child or children in grades 5-12 who had issues logging into BUZZ, [please complete this form](#). We want to resolve all access issues by April 1.

Our elementary and secondary online planning teams continue to discuss what the instructional day will look like, how many hours of instruction will take place daily, taking attendance and if students can access learning modules at different times during the day or night. We will share more as soon as we are ready.

3. We need internet access. Are there options?

[Charter](#) is offering free access to Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi for 60 days for families who currently don't have the service with the company. [TDS](#) is offering free internet to low-income families and college students.

You can contact Charter at 1-844-488-8395 to learn more. The hold time is approximately 15-20 minutes. You can contact TDS at 608-664-9459 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and leave a voice message. TDS covers much of our District, although not the Elver Park area.

The District is not endorsing either program but only wants to make families aware of these potential options.

We have also ordered additional MiFi devices for those families who indicated they need internet for their child or children to participate in online learning, although we have not been assured when the devices will be delivered.

4. Can you clarify if the Meal Program is open to every child?

Free breakfasts and lunches are available for all children ages 18 and under at nine sites across the District. Please visit our special page on the District website to find the locations. Grab-and-go bags are available from 11 a.m. to noon on weekdays through at least Friday, April 3, including spring break.

You don't have to register and children don't have to provide their names. You also can go to whatever site is convenient. Please look for an MCPASD yellow bus at each site.

We checked with the federal government, which helps fund the program and children cannot take extra meals for siblings or friends. If your child is allergic to peanut butter or other foods, please have them tell the individuals distributing the meals.

We also strongly encourage practicing social distancing when picking up meals and thorough hand-washing with soap and water before eating the take-home meals.

5. We want to help. How can we help our students and families?

A number of schools have begun supply drives. Please check in with your building principal or social worker to see what is needed. They are also looking for volunteers to help deliver items to families.

Our area partners who provide food in bags as part of the Weekend Food Program are also looking for volunteers as many of their regular volunteers are in the most vulnerable groups. Please contact your local church to see if they participate and if they can use help.

The Education Foundation has also started a drive to raise funds to pay for the cost of the Meal Program over spring break when we don't receive federal support. As of 9 a.m. this morning, they had already raised about \$20,000. They are also raising funds for our Weekend Food Program, which local partners plan to continue while schools are closed and helps close to 200 elementary and middle school students in our District. Please visit the Foundation website if you would like to contribute.