



Manistee Area PUBLIC SCHOOLS

550 Maple Street | Manistee, MI 49660
Phone: 231-723-3521 | Fax: 231-723-1507 | Web: ChipsLead.org

Superintendent: Ronald J. Stoneman
Business Manager: Howard J. Vaas

September 1, 2020

Dear MAPS Families;

Today we are providing some important information regarding the start of the school year. There are still more details being worked out. We will continue to send information your way and will continue updating the Family Resources page of the website with the latest information www.chipslead.org/family-resources/.

In-Person & Online Learning

Attached please find "Quick Start" guides for the beginning of the school year. We wanted to provide at-a-glance details for our students and families to simplify some of the most important details. We hope you find this helpful. More in-depth details are available on the Family Resource page. There you will also find a link to the video recording of the Board of Education work study held last week. Some families are finding this to be a helpful resource in learning more.

School Day Start/End Times

Below are the start and end times for the in-person learning schedule for each building. Each Friday will be early dismissal at the times indicated below.

Building	Drop Off	Start Time	End Time	Friday End Time
Jefferson	7:40	7:50	2:35	12:05
Kennedy	7:40	7:50	2:35	12:05
MMHS	7:50	8:00	2:21	11:50

Welcome Videos

Kindergarten through 5th grade teachers at Jefferson and Kennedy have been busy putting together welcome videos for their students. Our teachers are looking forward to welcoming all students back to school whether they are learning with us in person or online. These videos can be viewed on the Jefferson and Kennedy pages as linked below.

Jefferson Welcome Videos: <https://chipslead.org/jefferson/>

Kennedy Welcome Videos: <https://chipslead.org/kennedy/>

Nutrition Services

The USDA made an announcement on Monday regarding the extension of free meal service through the end of December 2020. Our Food Services Director, Keri Carlson is meeting with representatives of the Michigan Department of Education on Wednesday regarding plans for how this program will serve our students as the school year begins. We will provide more details about food services later this week.

We understand that MAPS families have had to make some very difficult decisions as we approach the beginning of the school year. There are no easy answers and there is no right or wrong choice of learning format for your students. We have all had to make impossible decision in the face of this pandemic and we understand the stress you have been under. Please know that we have spent countless hours researching information and resources, meeting with local and state authorities, weighing all of the options, and considering all of the precautions. Our planning has culminated into two very viable learning opportunities for our students and we are prepared to get started on a productive new year. The safety of every person that walks the halls of our buildings is, and will always be, our first priority. You have our promise to continue learning, communicating, and revising our plans and precautions as we move through the school year.

Sincerely,

Ron Stoneman, Superintendent
Manistee Area Public Schools