



Manistee Area PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear MAPS Families and Staff;

Friday evening our MAPS Board of Education adopted a resolution to extend the remote learning period for MAPS **Kindergarten through 8th grade students until November 30th** for the purpose of precaution related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Remote learning for all students in **grades 9 through 12 continues through December 8th** as per directives of the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services. Both MAPS Preschool and GSRP programs at Madison Community Learning Center will continue to operate during this time.

The resolution adopted also allows flexibility for MAPS administration to extend the closure for all students through December 8th should it be determined necessary based upon the status of the pandemic. We will continue to closely monitor developments through our work with local and state agencies to seek guidance regarding appropriate measures related to COVID-19. You will be provided with updates via email and the district website as information becomes available and decisions are made.

Beginning Monday, November 23rd, all students will be following the remote learning schedules shown below. This schedule was developed to mimic the typical school day, represents the start time of a Google Meet for each class, and will allow for live interaction with teachers. For the 2020-21 school year, this schedule will be implemented for whichever grades are in an all-virtual stage.

Monday-Tuesday & Thursday-Friday – Follow Schedule Below
Wednesday - Student Support Day

- Teachers available for support
- Teachers may schedule individual or small group conferences
- Students to continue with assignments on Canvas

Interactive Learning Time	Grade Level
9:00-10:00	Jefferson 2nd Grade
9:30-10:30	Kennedy 4th Grade
10:00-11:00	Jefferson Kindergarten
10:30-11:30	Kennedy 3rd Grade
11:00-12:00	Jefferson 1st Grade
11:30-12:30	Kennedy 5th Grade

6th Grade			7th - 12th Grade		
Period	Times	Min	Period	Times	Min
1st	8:00 - 8:40	40	1st	8:00 - 8:30	30
2nd	8:50 - 9:30	40	2nd	8:40 - 9:10	30
3rd	9:40 - 10:20	40	3rd	9:20 - 9:50	30
4th	10:30 - 11:10	40	4th *	10:00 - 10:30	30
* MS Exploratory = academic work time or Band	11:20 - 11:50	30	5th *	10:40 - 11:10	30
			6th *	11:20 - 11:50	30

All students will participate in learning new content and are expected to attend live sessions led by classroom teachers. Please check your emails for specific login information from your child's teachers. Students will find links to a Google Meet in their Canvas Courses and it will be expected that students show up on time for each class period in Google Meet. Attendance will be taken for each Google Meet. Families will be able to track their student's attendance by logging into their Powerschool account.

Following these live interactions, additional schoolwork will be assigned that will need to be completed and submitted for grading. CTE students will also be able to follow the schedule provided. Please review the attachment sharing information regarding online learning meeting expectations.

Non-band, middle school Exploratories, will be pausing during this school closure. Should remote learning be extended, we will revisit this for more structured student support. Non-band students will have the time to do work for their other courses and band students will attend a virtual meeting with Ms. Mack.

The Exploratory hours are as follows:

8th grade - 4th hour

7th grade - 5th hour

6th grade - 6th hour

Any families requiring assistance with remote learning platforms or reliable internet connectivity for the purposes of online learning are asked to reach out to our Tech Department at: mapshelpdesk@manistee.org Please **do not** contact teachers if there are Canvas problems; our tech department is on top of it and will be working to resolve issues.

Grab & Go meals will continue to be distributed at MMHS for all students age 18 and under from 9:00 am until 10:00 am on Mondays and Thursdays each week, with exception of the week of the 23rd when meals will be distributed on Monday and Wednesday due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

It is the desire of our staff to provide a supportive educational model that maintains direct connection with our students. Our professional development training and new online resources now allow us to enhance the learning of our student through a face-to-face interaction. We believe the method and schedule presented will offer our students structure for meaningful learning, while also providing the means for social/emotional support.

The health and safety of all members of our MAPS community remains our top priority. We thank all of you for your understanding and cooperation as we adapt plans to the COVID-19 virus in order to make the best decisions for all members of our school community. We encourage all families to visit www.chipslead.org for accurate and ongoing updates about our transition to distance learning, and we appreciate our continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Ron Stoneman, Superintendent
Manistee Area Public Schools