



Manistee Area PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear MAPS Families and Staff;

Today, a decision was made to **extend the remote learning period for MAPS Kindergarten through 8th grade students through December 8th** for the purpose of precaution related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This closure aligns our younger learners with the current order for remote learning for our 9 through 12 grade students. Both MAPS Preschool and GSRP programs at Madison Community Learning Center will continue to operate during this time.

The feedback that we are receiving from our staff and families has been positive regarding our remote learning model. We believe the method and schedule followed is offering our students structure for meaningful learning, while also providing the means for social/emotional support.

Following our Thanksgiving break, the **remote learning schedule will resume on Monday, November 30th**.

All students are expected to 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.
- 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.

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.

As of today, our plan is to **return to in-person learning on Wednesday, December 9, 2020**, and online learning will continue for those families choosing that option for their students. We will also continue to closely monitor developments related to COVID-19 and will provide updates via email and on the district website as information becomes available and decisions are made.

We wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving. Although school feels a bit different right now and our holiday traditions may need to be altered for safety, we are hopeful for the future and are thankful for the care and support of our MAPS family.

Sincerely,

Ron Stoneman, Superintendent
Manistee Area Public Schools