



Good afternoon everyone -

I want to take a moment to continue reaching out to all of our families during this uncertain time. I hope you all remain healthy and safe. Below, there are many updates from the past couple of days. Our district team has been working to get this information out to both staff and families in a timely manner.

### **Medications**

- Student medications and medical equipment that are currently being held in the school nurse's office will be available for pick up on Wednesday from 9-11am and from Thursday from 1-3pm at all five schools. CGS, Marsh, MHS, and Timony: nurses will be located in the main foyer for you to sign out the medications or equipment, Tenney: nurses will be located in the upper school foyer.

### **Teaching & Learning**

- HOME LEARNING: K-8 families: You will receive communication from your child's teacher(s) on Monday morning outlining more specific resources/activities for your child(ren) to do at home for the week. It will include activities and resources, how to communicate with your child's teachers, and how to keep connected with the teachers and guidance staff during this closure. 9-12 parents/students will receive notifications from their teachers through Google Classroom on Monday with similar expectations for the week. It is important for students to have some structure at home during this time with academic activities, outdoor activities, and creative activities. Most of all it is important for us all to adhere to social distancing right now.
- REPORT CARDS: K-8 report cards will be available in Infinite Campus on March 27th. Information and support will be provided for anyone who does not have an account or is experiencing issues in future communication. MHS quarter 3 ends on April 3 and report cards will be available on IC on April 15. Students will receive a message from teachers on Monday along with the learning plan, about submitting any make-up work during the next two weeks.
- MCAS- DESE is working to waive testing this year at a legislative level at this point. We expect more information in the coming days.
- SATs- Most testing sites have cancelled through May. You can check the [collegeboard website](#) for information.
- AP exams - National determination - has not been decided.
- No group mock AP exams will be held at MHS
- K-8 Enrichment programming is cancelled. Makeup sessions will be scheduled after the closure.

### **Calendar**

- The last day of school is Friday, June 19th.

### **Cleaning/ Facilities**

- All Buildings are closed to the public through our closure. The central administration office will remain open 8:30-4:00pm each day with a few essential personnel. If you have any questions please call (978) 722-6001. All staff will be available through email as well.

### **Events and Ranger Club**

- All school sponsored events are cancelled through April 7th - we are working with the junior prom venue for other options
- All outside events and facilities rentals at MPS facilities are cancelled through April 7th.
- Before/After School Rangers Club is cancelled through April 7th ; account credits will be applied
- Events scheduled beyond April 7th will be discussed in the coming weeks.

**Food Plan For Students**

- Tenney kitchen will be used for satellites and grab and go (9-12) beginning Tuesday 3/17/2020
- Grab and Go lunches will also be available at the Methuen Arlington Neighborhood - 141 Tenney after 11:00am to 1:00pm each day.

**Future Communications**

- Communications will be sent regularly via email, phone and posted to the website
- Questions from families- contact Central Office at 978-722-6001

Sincerely,

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