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Dear Parents and Guardians of Secondary School Students,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. As we move forward to complete the 2019-2020 school year, we will utilize a distance learning plan developed specifically for our secondary students.

Teachers and administrative staff have been busy crafting a learning plan that provides students the opportunity to improve their current grades through meaningful content review that causes no additional stress or hardship on our students and families. All our actions from this point on focus on remediation and course recovery, helping students to elevate their grades, increase their achievements, and come through this crisis successfully.

Distance Learning Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning Monday, April 6, all secondary students will be asked to participate in a self-paced MPS Student Tech Canvas course (our on-line learning management system) to begin their distance learning experience. Later this week, your school will email a link for students to login to Canvas and enroll in this course via Infinite Campus messenger. It is important that students be able to login to their district account at that time; if your child has forgotten his/her password please attempt to recover/reset it by visiting https://passwordreset.microsoftonline.com/ and entering the full student email (username@moorestudents.com). Please contact mpstechhelp@mooreschools.com for assistance if you are unable to login successfully or reset the password. • Beginning Monday, April 13, students will be given the opportunity to engage in coursework that is a review of previously learned material through Canvas, our online learning management system. • Teachers are also creating hard-copy packets that will be made available to anyone who cannot access Canvas. • Teachers are committed to flexibility in accommodating the needs of all students relating to accessibility of instruction.
Grading/Attendance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades have been frozen as of Thursday, March 12. • All learning going forward will be a review of concepts already taught and focus on allowing students to improve their current grade. • We have received an attendance waiver for the remainder of the school year. While MPS sees many benefits in completing the coursework and maintaining on-going virtual interaction with teachers and other students, there is no penalty for missed assignments going forward.

Free Lunches

- Please remember, MPS is offering free breakfast and lunch Monday-Friday, from 11a.m.-1p.m. at many school sites: Apple Creek, Bryant, Central, Fairview, Houchin, Kelley, Kingsgate, Northmoor, Plaza Towers, Santa Fe, Sky Ranch, Southgate, Winding Creek, Central Junior High, Highland West Junior High, and Moore West Junior High. ANY student can grab a meal at whatever school is most convenient. You may find more details on your school website.

Commitment to Communication, Flexibility, and Responsiveness

We understand that the education of your child is only one of many concerns you have during this time. Our teachers are actively preparing instructional activities that review important concepts. We believe that encouraging your child to engage in study and coursework may provide some helpful structure for their day. However, the inability to complete every assignment or activity will not result in punitive action. Prioritizing your family's needs during this time will not academically disadvantage your child in any way.

We are also concerned about your student's social and emotional needs, so regular contact with familiar teachers may make this time a little easier. Teachers will be checking in weekly with their students, addressing any assignment questions, assisting with technology issues, and otherwise making themselves available. MPS teachers and administration are committed to doing what is best for students in this unprecedented time.

MPS has developed online resources for mental, emotional, and physical health related to COVID-19 for our families to utilize. They are available on our website at: <https://www.mooreschools.com/Page/55512>. We encourage our MPS Community to become familiar with these resources. Additionally, your student's school counselor is available by email if you have questions or concerns regarding mental and emotional health. You may also leave a message on the school's voicemail for the counselor to return your call.

Federal, state, and local governmental agencies are providing guidance that changes often. Current restrictions limit building access to essential personnel. However, once this pandemic has passed and government guidelines have been lifted, students will be allowed to return to their school campus to retrieve their personal belongings and to return any textbooks or library books they may have in their homes.

It is our sincere hope that the plans we are making will make this time easier for your child. We will be sensitive and patient as we roll out this distance learning plan. In the same spirit, we ask that you please be patient with us. We know that these times are unsettled, and change is inevitable. We will work hard to address important issues and adjust as necessary. We thank you ahead of time for your grace and flexibility as we do our best to serve your family. We pray your family is safe and you have what you need during these unprecedented circumstances.

If you have questions or concerns, please email or call your student's school principal.

Respectfully,



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