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Hello Menasha Parents/Guardians,

Once again, thank you for your patience as we continue to work to help you and your families navigate the school closure and these interesting times. This letter includes some updates regarding chromebook distribution, lunch pick up, online/at-home instruction, and other items you may have been thinking about. We plan on sending an update every Monday. Periodically check the district website for additional information or resources as we will post any updates to the [COVID-19 website page](#).

Chromebooks - If you have extenuating circumstances and called your student's school on March 27 or before, your name was added to a list for delivery. MJSD Staff will be delivering those Chromebooks and a form to be signed by an adult on Tuesday morning, March 31, to the address that was provided to us. If you need a Chromebook or do not have wifi access, please contact building secretaries to be added to the list. Refer to the [letter](#) from March 23rd for technical support options.

Meal Service - Please see the [MJSD COVID 19 webpage](#) for the latest updates on meal service times and locations. As a reminder, April 6th - 10th are non-instructional days. There will be no expectations regarding instruction, but meal service will continue at the designated locations throughout this period of time.

Online/At-Home Instruction - The initial plan for online/at-home learning was to use i-Ready for students in grades K-8 for math and literacy instruction until our scheduled Spring break April 6th -10th. Now that we know we will be providing online/at-home learning through April 24th, we will be adding some additional pieces to support students remotely. On Monday, April 13th we will launch an online/at-home learning webpage on our district site. Here, students and families will find approved online learning sites, digital read alouds and other approved resources.

High school teachers and 6-8 science, social studies and elective courses will continue to deliver instruction online through Google Classroom, Google hangout, email, and/or Zoom. Students that are enrolled in AP courses, the College Board has announced they will allow

students to take their AP exams at home. The exams would only cover content through the end of March. According to the College Board, colleges support this solution and are committed to ensuring that AP students receive the credit they have worked to earn. Starting March 25th students can also attend online review sessions for over 32 different AP courses. A schedule can be found on the [AP website](#).

As of now, we are not making any decisions regarding spring events and graduation. All events scheduled between now and April 24th have been postponed or cancelled. We are committed to providing an opportunity to celebrate our students' achievements and returning to some level of normalcy as soon as we are allowed to do so.

Additional resources for families who are struggling during this time can also be found at our [webpage](#).

Thank you to all of you who are still working in whatever essential capacity that may be. We know that you will do the best you can for your children as you help us all get through this. We appreciate your struggles and efforts.

And the people stayed home

And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed. - A poem by Kitty O'Meara

Be safe, stay at home, and know we are here to support you and your students.

Sincerely;

Chris L. VanderHeyden

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Superintendent