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Hello Menasha Parents/Guardians,

I hope you had an opportunity to enjoy the past week. Here are some updates as we head into spring.

As of today, we now have optional instructional opportunities for students in grades 4-K through eighth that can be found on the district website at [COVID19 Instructional Resources](#). Continue to login to i-Ready for literacy and math instruction K-8 and work with your content area teachers 6-12 for required instructional activities. As soon as the Reading-At-Home book bags arrive we will be sending out communication on pick-up dates and times from your student's elementary school.

Counselors, Social Workers, and Psychologists are available to support your student or family during this closure. You may contact them via email or phone. The contact information can be found on the individual school websites. There are ways for you and your family to engage in social emotional learning activities at home. The new social emotional learning activities can be found on the district website [COVID19 Instructional Resources](#). The activities cover many strategies to address stress, anxiety, emotional regulation and relationships.

The MJSD Technology Department will be setting up a weekly Chromebook swap for students that are having technical difficulties with their current Chromebook. This swap will be from 9am to 11am every Wednesday at the MHS Auto Shop starting April 8th. This will continue every Wednesday through the remainder of the shutdown or until the district runs out of Chromebooks at MHS. If you are still in need of a Chromebook or are new to the District, please contact your school secretary to make arrangements for pick up.

This year's statewide tornado drill will be virtual and is scheduled for Thursday, April 16th. There will not be a test tornado watch or warning that comes out of our office or any of the NWS offices in Wisconsin, so no Emergency Alert System (EAS) message will be sent to TV/radio or alerting on NOAA Weather Radio. We are asking people to take 15 minutes (at 1:45pm if they can, which was when the test tornado warning was supposed to go out) to practice their own tornado and severe weather safety plans.

Thank you for your patience. Please be sure to take care of yourself and your families.

Sincerely;

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