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Dear MJSD Families,

We hope you and your loved ones are doing as well as possible during these unprecedented times. Please know we are here to support you however we can. We are writing to let you know that Gov. Tony Evers announced last week that all Wisconsin school buildings will remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. The state's Safer-at-Home order has been extended until May 26 and under that order, all MJSD school facilities, playgrounds, and athletic fields are closed to public access.

What does this mean for you and your family?

MJSD will continue student distance learning

The Menasha Joint School District will continue at-home distance learning, building on the successes we have seen in recent weeks. We are learning how to connect and support learning for all through a distance learning model and we will get better at it with time. Please give yourself and each other the grace to learn as we go. We are passionate about doing all we can to strengthen relationships with our students, who remain our #1 priority. Follow this [link](#) for an update on instructional practices moving forward.

School meals will continue to be provided

Free meals for **all families** will continue to be handed out to all students Monday through Friday from 11:00am – 12:30pm at five sites. On Fridays, we will be handing out dinner for Friday and lunch and breakfast for Saturday and Sunday. Bags will include lunch and the following day's breakfast. No forms or registration is required. Parents/guardians can pick up the meals without their children present. We encourage families to practice social distancing and not congregate at the meal pickup locations. See the food service update on our website.

Social/emotional wellbeing is a priority

We care about the social/emotional wellbeing of our students and staff. There are many resources available on our [district website](#). 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. Many students have the option to continue with their therapists virtually. If you have a student

struggling with mental health, please contact your school counselor. School nurses are available via email and phone to confer about student needs.

Technology assistance is available

If your students are struggling with MJSD technology, please fill out this form for help: MJSD [Technology Support Form](#).

Chromebook pickup or swap

We will continue to distribute Chromebooks for families who have not picked one up on Wednesdays from 9am to 11am at the MHS Auto Shop (northwest corner of the building). We will also swap out Chromebooks for families who are having issues with their current MJSD technology.

Pickup of personal belongings and return of Chromebooks

We will schedule dates and times for families to pick up any remaining materials and personal belongings that they left at school before our buildings were closed in mid-March, as well as return school-issued Chromebooks.

Graduation, Spring Sports, Senior Scholarships, Prom

We know that these important milestone events are top of mind, especially for our seniors. Graduation is a unique experience among high schools and we will do what we can to make it happen live, if at all possible. We do not have answers yet for you for all of these milestones but discussions are underway.

Please check our [website](#) for additional resources and updates. We will continue to provide major updates to you each Monday. Thank you for your support of our students in their learning and warm wishes to your family.

Sincerely,

Chris L. VanderHeyden

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