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Dear MJSD Families,

Here is our weekly update for the final week of April. This letter connects you with several resources that we have developed and continue to refine as we move forward. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**Parent survey**

The Menasha Joint School District would like to know how you and your children are handling this switch to online/at-home learning/teaching. Please watch for a survey coming from your children's schools sometime early this week and complete those for us by the end of the week. We appreciate your feedback as we do our best to meet your needs.

**MJSD continues student online/at-home learning**

The Menasha Joint School District will continue online/at-home learning, building on the successes we have seen in recent weeks. We are learning how to connect and support learning for all through an online/at-home 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. We will be communicating this week with students and families regarding grading during school closure.

**School meals 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. MHS students can use the student check-in form on the school website. 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 intend to have a graduation ceremony for our seniors at some time later in the summer. We are still making plans and awaiting guidance from the State regarding what we are able to do. Watch for details about other spring events coming directly from your schools.

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,

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