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*"Working together to develop successful learners with high values and integrity."*

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Dear Murray County Central Staff, Students and Parents:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Murray County Central Schools will be transitioning to an updated calendar for the remainder of the year when students are in person. This calendar change is due to Governor Walz executive orders [20-94](#) and [20-95](#) that requires school districts to provide an additional 30 minutes per day for teacher preparation during the COVID-19 pandemic. We will be combining the 30 minutes per day into a one-day block of time so we are only changing one day's schedule instead of five. This additional preparation time will be utilized to help staff prepare for teaching students in person along with those that are temporarily out in isolation or in quarantine. Our hope is that communicating this change now can help you plan and prepare for the needs of your children. Please note the following:

- **Starting on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and each Wednesday following**, school will be dismissed at 12:15 p.m. from the Central Building and 12:30 p.m. from West Elementary.
- After School Care will be available for any students' grades K-6 that may need this service. This service will be available from 12:15 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday's and the fee for that day is \$10 per student. Sign-up for after school care can be arranged by contacting Larisa Smith at [Larisa\\_Smith@mcc.mntm.org](mailto:Larisa_Smith@mcc.mntm.org). The deadline to sign up will be Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

The early out schedule on Wednesdays is only in effect when students are in the buildings. If we are in a distance learning model for either building, then we will follow the distance learning schedule.

**LITTLE REBELS:** With the beginning of early release on Wednesdays, we will no longer have Mrs. Kuhlman's Little Rebels classes on Wednesday afternoons. If your child is in the afternoon class, they will begin coming to school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday instead. This will start on Monday, Nov.23. All other Little Rebels classes will remain the same.

Lunch meals will still be served on the early out Wednesdays.

We understand that these changes can create additional stress and challenges during this difficult time. We hope by working together we can alleviate some of this stress by providing the care and safety for your children. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Respectfully,

Joe W. Meyer – Superintendent

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