



Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts

Morton School District #214

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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The purpose of today's announcement is to update the community on what the district is currently working on, what is in place, and what you can expect moving forward. As you can imagine, the guidance and directives that come to the district occurs at a rapid pace as several entities have legislative authority over our daily operations. With that being said, we are continuing to try and update as we can without adding to an overload of updates.

Beginning on Monday 3/23

This coming Monday there are three activities that will begin, childcare for those in the medical field and first responders, delivery of food, and posting of educational resources.

Childcare is going to be provided at the Elementary School for families who work in the medical field or are first responders. This fulfills the mandate from the Governor when he temporarily closed schools through April 24th. We are working with limited staff during this time due to a variety of reasons, but mostly, many of our staff fall into high-risk categories for COVID-19, and to ensure their safety we have them staying at home during this pandemic. Childcare will be offered Monday through Friday and we will follow our normal school times at the Elementary School. This includes our Wednesday early release time of 1:25 PM. When children arrive we will need parents to complete a form in regards to childcare on the first day of attendance. Childcare can only be continued with enough staff to make it viable. If our staff numbers drop to a point where we cannot safely offer childcare we will inform families of our inability. At this time, we are able to offer this service based on those who have signed up, but we are reaching our maximum limit.

Food delivery will also begin on Monday this week. We will be delivering to those who have signed up. For those who sign up at a later date, we will deliver to you as well, but please be patient as it may take us a day to get your stop scheduled. Food deliveries will start at 9 AM in Morton and then expand to other areas. Food delivery will include both breakfast and lunch. As of writing this, there are approximately 70+ food deliveries.

Education resources will begin being posted by our teachers beginning next week. Staff will vary their upload dates and times throughout the week. Each teacher will be posting some worksheets for students to work on during the closure plus a video that could range from a book reading to an activity. We encourage families to have their children work on these as they are posted and set up a routine. Teachers will also be reaching out to make contact with students and check in on them. The teachers are all available via their email so please feel free to use that to make contact if needed.

We would love to offer online learning and other forms of engagement for our students, but we are limited in doing so unless we can ensure that 100% of our students/families have equal access to whatever we offer.

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Seniors

I know our Seniors have lots of questions about their graduation and what they need to accomplish. Graduation requirements are governed by the State Board of Education. They have been working on guidance for waivers and other similar items for schools to use. I have spoken with our secondary teachers and we feel confident that our seniors will all meet the graduation requirements as they were all on track. Mrs. Brooks will be reaching out to seniors when we have more information so everyone is on the same page. As for now, work on the education resources that come out and check your school email.

April 27th

As of now, schools are still being directed to plan for a return on April 27th, and that is what we are doing. If there is an extension to this date we will pass on further information on what that means. Students and families should be preparing for both a return to school on 4/27, as well as, a possibility of an extension of this date.

If we do return on 4/27 or another date this year our school year will be extended to 6/19. This will most likely affect the graduation date, seniors' last day of school, and a number of other items.