

MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mark Schwarz, *Superintendent*
Daniel J. Ross, Esq., *Asst. Superintendent*
Dr. Frank Santora, *Asst. Superintendent*



359 Woodland Road
Madison, NJ 07940
(973) 593-3101
Fax: (973) 593-3161

4/7/20

Dear Madison Public Schools Community,

We are writing today in regard to the district's new "Standards of Practice" for remote learning, which have been developed after weeks of consultation with staff, parents, and students. Please follow the links below to review.

- [Standards of Practice for Staff Members](#)
- [Standards of Practice for Parents](#)
- [Video Conferencing Etiquette](#)

Background

Across the country and around the globe, remote learning has become a new focus of study. Countless resources now note the "Top 5" keys to success or the "one thing" schools must remember in this new educational landscape. In Madison, we have approached this work through active community participation and collaboration and we are pleased to have implemented a thoughtful and inclusive initial remote learning plan.

Core Values

In order to continue to improve the level of clarity, consistency, and engagement for staff and families, we have identified a set of **core values** that we believe provide a meaningful structure to guide the next phase of our journey with remote learning, however long it may last. That structure is built on two pillars – our **staff members** and our **parents**. By helping to guide both our professionals and the dedicated adults at home, we believe we can create a renewing and evolving partnership in service of the success of our students.

For Staff Members	For Parents
1. Set clear expectations for students and families each day	1. Begin and end the day with a check-in with your child
2. Be in touch with and connect with students each day	2. Set a schedule, a routine, and guidelines for children each day
3. Provide clear parameters for technology use	3. Encourage physical activity and exercise
4. Provide feedback to students each day	4. Keep in touch with teacher, school, and district updates
5. Balance personal well-being with responsiveness & professional responsibilities	5. Communicate with empathy and practice patience.
6. Collaborate to ensure consistency with colleagues	6. Manage your own stress and try to make the most of an unusual situation

I encourage you to review the Standards of Practice documents to understand how we are approaching our work and how you can help support learning throughout the remainder of the school year. Only through a true school/home partnership can we strive for the highest level of success in these challenging times. As always, we appreciate your ongoing feedback as this new era of remote learning continues.

Sincerely,

Mark Schwarz, *Superintendent*
Daniel J. Ross, Esq., *Asst. Superintendent*
Dr. Frank Santora, *Asst. Superintendent*