



MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear MJS Families,

I am writing today with information about our extended school closure due to COVID-19. As you are aware from Mr. Schwarz's recent messages, the district is taking every precaution necessary to keep our students safe and to help minimize the spread of the coronavirus.

The MJS staff has done a great job working throughout the week to identify and gather valuable tools and materials for digital learning. I want to compliment the staff on their work to ensure that students and their learning are supported during this time. In turn, the students did a great job in advisory this week as our teachers reviewed Google Classroom and Google Meet with students and presented strategies for students regarding distance learning. In all, we were able to instill in our students that we have a plan and that we are prepared to support their learning.

Today, teachers had an opportunity to review the distance learning model with students to give them an idea of what instruction will look like. We reinforced with our students that even though they may have a lot of questions or feel anxious, we are here to support them and their learning. We also reviewed digital citizenship with students and discussed how to be a responsible citizen online.

Please find the MJS distance learning hybrid bell/flex schedule [here](#). Students are aware of this schedule as teachers previewed it with them today. Since the first day of distance learning will occur Wednesday, March 18, students should check in for attendance by 9:39 AM through their Period 1 A Day class in Google Classroom; students should also complete any work in Google Classroom that is posted for their core academic classes. Students will begin work for their cycle classes on Thursday, March 19 which is an A Day. Please note, that within the schedule Wednesdays are deemed as our Flex Day. Students can work at their own pace and staff will be available to support students throughout the bell schedule.

Our goal at this point is to keep the learning plan flexible so that parents and students can best manage expectations during what will undoubtedly be a challenging time. We recognize that this situation is not

ideal and we believe that through our thoughtful planning staff and students will still be able to engage in meaningful interactive learning activities.

If your child is in need of a Chromebook for use at home during this time period and you have not already completed the district request form, please follow the link below:

https://madison.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dciKJDE8ZfkvmN7

We appreciate your flexibility during this time and I remain committed to working with our families to make this time as successful as possible. I will send another update by Tuesday, March 17 in preparation for our first distance learning day on Wednesday, March 18. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Truly,

Louis F. Caruso, Ed.D.