

MIDLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2019-20 – Oh What a Year!

Virtual Presentation to Noon Rotary



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Thursday, March 12 – 10:00 p.m.

- Governor Whitmer announcement:
 - Public Schools will close on Monday, March 15 for three weeks
 - No advance warning to school districts

Friday, March 13 – Last day with MPS students

- ALL MPS staff and students leave school with their Chromebooks.
- Intention is to connect to prevent learning loss during the three week closure.

Monday, March 16 –

Free Meals begin for community children ages 0-18

- Between Friday, March 13 and Monday, March 16 MPS plans, organizes, staffs, prepares and disburses free 'grab & go' meals at MHS, all elementary schools and more than 10 bus stops across the community thanks to MPS administration, Chartwells food service, MPS transportation department and volunteers coordinated by United Way.
- 302,805 meals have been served through last week.

Thursday, April 2 – Governor's Executive Order Closes Schools For Remainder of School Year

- Requires all districts in the State of Michigan to have a Continuity of Learning Plan (CLP).
- CLP must be approved by the State and must begin on or before April 24.

Thursday, April 9 –

- Midland Public Schools Continuity of Learning Plan (CLP) has been approved.
- MPS has provided professional development to instructional staff and administrators to carry out CLP.

Monday, April 13 –

- Midland Public Schools begins instruction under the Continuity of Learning Plan (CLP).
- MPS may have been the first (or one of the very first) to begin learning using our CLP.

Tuesday & Wednesday, May 19 & 20 –

- Midland County State of Emergency
- Massive flooding due to dam failures
- Tuesday late afternoon MPS sets up emergency shelter in Midland High gym for over 100 evacuated community members for several days.

Friday, June 5 –

- Instruction under Continuity of Learning Plan concludes
- Final day for 2019-20 school year

June 5 through June 11

- MPS Instructional Staff will receive training on our chosen Learning Management System to organize, assist and streamline future Blended, Online and Differentiated Instruction for MPS students and staff

Summer of 2020

- MPS will offer tutoring and enrichment instruction to students from Grades 1-12 via teacher-led online platforms

Fall of 2020

- CDC Guidelines Released
(1st page of the handout)

- Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and

Governor's Office holding workgroups to release guidance (Rubric)

New CDC Guidelines for Reopening Schools

- Wear masks if over the age of 2
- No sharing of items or supplies
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces between uses
- Develop a schedule for increased, routine cleaning and disinfection
- All belongings separated into individual cubbies or labeled containers
- No sharing electronic devices, toys, games, or learning aids
- Desks should be 6 feet apart and all facing the same direction
- One child per seat on school buses and skip rows between riders
- Install sneeze guards or partitions where 6 feet apart won't work
- One-way routes in hallways
- Tape on sidewalks and walls to ensure kids stay 6 feet apart
- No shared spaces, including cafeterias and playgrounds
- Physical barriers or screens between sinks in bathrooms
- Only pre-packaged boxes or bags of food instead of hot lunch lines
- Kids eat lunch in classrooms
- No field trips, assemblies, or external organizations in schools
- Same children stay with the same staff all day
- No switching groups or teachers
- Stagger student arrival and departure times to limit crowds of kids
- Limit volunteers and visitors
- If possible, daily health and temperature checks

Source: [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) Updated May 19, 2020

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WHAT WE KNOW ...

- Throughout the State and Country, 15-25% of students did not engage after schools closed (MPS—15%)
- Connectivity is an issue in many regions
 - MPS resolved all known issues with WiFi hotspots, WiFi-enabled buses

WHAT WE KNOW ...

- Remote and online learning requires a Learning Management System and a lot of teacher preparation hours to do it well.
- Remote and online learning works better with older, independent learners vs. younger dependent learners.
- Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and soft skills are difficult to tackle with remote and online learning.

MPS LOOKING AHEAD TO 2020-21 ...

- Learning and instruction as we knew it pre-COVID will not occur in Fall of 2020
- Learning as we were doing under the Continuity of Learning Plan will not meet the mark.
- We will need to provide options and choices for parents

MPS LOOKING AHEAD TO 2020-21 ...

- Face-to-face with safety protocols and social distancing practices.
- Face-to-face (safely and social distancing) and Blended Learning.
- Remote and online for those who choose out of safety concerns

MPS LOOKING AHEAD TO 2020-21 ...

- We must be able to transition from instructional and delivery methods smoothly and quickly (outbreaks, shutdowns).
- Co-curriculars, extra-curriculars and clubs may or may not occur, and if they do, expect many changes.

AS WE LOOK AHEAD ... OVERARCHING MISSIONS FOR MPS STAFF & STUDENTS

MPS Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) Vision:

- *Lead with respect, trust and courage.
Ensure an equitable, collaborative,
and inclusive culture.*

Kindness:

- #keepitkindmps



THANK YOU NOON ROTARY ...

- for this invitation to share our District's spring and summer journey with you.
- for your partnership and support for Midland Public Schools' students and staff through the years!

thank you!

We thought you may enjoy seeing a few photos of our 2020 Chargers & Chemics at their Diploma parades last week.

(Dow High photos courtesy of Midland Daily News.)

