

# Superintendent Communiqué



Midland Public Schools  
Inspiring Excellence

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## MPS INCLUSION & DIVERSITY VISION STATEMENT

Everyone in our school community is valued, safe, treated with kindness and respect, and works together to make our community and world a better place.

## SPECIAL EDITION COMMUNIQUE

April 9, 2020

### COVID-19 (Coronavirus) — **\*\* MPS CONTINUITY OF LEARNING PLAN \*\***

Midland Public Schools, as required by Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-35, has developed a Continuity of Learning Plan (CLP). The CLP outlines the District's plan for the delivery of instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic school closure. The delivery of instruction must begin by April 28, 2020 and continue through the end of the 2019-20 school year.

We are pleased to release our Continuity of Learning Plan to our students, families and community today (April 9, 2020). Here is the link to the MPS Continuity of Learning Plan: <https://www.midlandps.org/mpscontinuityoflearningandcovid-19responseplanapril92020.pdf>

The development of this well-thought-out Plan is due to the incredibly hard work by a team of MPS administrators and educators led by MPS Associate Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Penny Miller-Nelson.

The MPS CLP has been developed and will start well before the April 28 deadline. We feel it is essential to meet our students' social/emotional and instructional needs as soon as possible. We fully expect the Continuity Learning Plan will be amended over the weeks ahead, as together we learn what is working well and what may need to be adjusted. CLP amendments are permitted under the Governor's Executive Order.

Starting Monday, April 13, 2020, our teachers will be connecting with students as a "soft start" to bring teachers, students and parents together to begin this new delivery model of instruction. By Monday, April 20, 2020, all teachers, students and parents will be moving forward in the curriculum to the best of everyone's ability. Please know that new curriculum will be presented during this model of instruction. In addition, the MPS CLP includes the wellbeing and social/emotional learning aspects as a major component.

The successful education of students has always consisted of a strong partnership between teacher, student, parents and community. During this school closure, these partnerships are even more essential for the success and care of every student!

Our MPS team has made some Help Guides for Clever, Google Classroom & Zoom. Here are the links:

Clever: <https://www.midlandps.org/clever-help>; Google Classroom: <https://www.midlandps.org/google-classroom-help> ; Zoom: <https://www.midlandps.org/Zoom-Help>

Parents, if you have specific questions regarding this Plan, please use your child's teacher and/or principal to provide further detail. Principal/Assistant Principal contact information is below:

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### Food Service During School Closure

The MPS Chartwells food service provider, MPS Transportation Department, Building Managers and Volunteers organized by United Way of Midland County have now been preparing and disbursing meals for Midland children for four weeks. As of today, more than 75,000 meals have been prepared and disbursed. **We want to send a huge thank you to these unsung, essential heroes who are working hard and making a difference for many families in our Midland Community!** This food service program will continue through the end of the school year.

Please stay safe, strong & healthy!

Michael E. Sharrow, Superintendent

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