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Midland PS Plan for Secondary Students Following Today's Governor/MDHHS Recommendation

Thank you to everyone who called, emailed, texted and communicated via MPSCConnect today with your thoughts about Governor Whitmer and MDHHS's strong recommendation regarding the secondary two-week pause in face-to-face (F2F) learning and athletics. Please know your voice was heard!

Today, Governor Whitmer and MDHHS recommended closing secondary schools, athletics and clubs for two weeks. Although it seemed schools had an option of whether to choose to do this, they really did not. According to our district lawyers, schools that do not pause these activities will not be protected under governmental immunity. Therefore, those schools would be left without defense in the event of a lawsuit.

Following a meeting with district and secondary administrators and the Midland Department of Public Health, it has been determined that for Midland PS students in Grades 6-12 (including the post-secondary program) Midland Public Schools will pause face-to-face learning and all athletics and clubs for two weeks. Here are the two-week details:

- ⇒ **Monday, April 12:** F2F middle and high school students will attend their classes in-person for students and teachers to prepare for the 2-week F2F pause (All F2F learning, athletic and club activities will be paused at the end of the April 12 school day)
- ⇒ **Tuesday, April 13-Friday, April 23:** Middle and High school students will attend remotely using CANVAS as the virtual learning platform
- ⇒ **Monday, April 26:** F2F secondary students resume in-person learning and athletics, absent a further governmental order/recommendation

Here are additional details about the decision and the coming two weeks:

- ⇒ In the news conference today, the Governor and MDHHS made the recommendation for the learning/athletics pause for high school students, however, in MPS discussions with the Midland County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) today and with the current COVID surge in the Midland area, the MCDPH recommended that Midland Public Schools include Grades 6-8 in the two-week F2F learning/athletics pause.
- ⇒ Grades Pre-Primary through 5 were not included in the government's pause recommendation. Midland PS Pre-K through Grade 5 will continue F2F learning for the coming two weeks.
- ⇒ All County CTE student learning will take place virtually during this 2-week F2F pause.
- ⇒ Attached you will find the middle and high school schedule and information for remote learning that will be followed during the two-week pause. Additional remote learning information will be sent by your building principal. Teachers will communicate specifics regarding the two weeks of remote learning with you.
- ⇒ The food service "grab & go" meal pick up schedule during the 2-week F2F pause for the secondary students will be published in Monday's Communique.
- ⇒ We are aware that the scheduled testing dates for the SAT and other components of the MME are during this two-week pause window. The new testing date for the SAT is Tuesday, April 27. Further testing information will come your way next week.
- ⇒ **The Midland County Department of Public Health will hold COVID vaccine clinics in our high schools for students age 16 and up the week of April 26. Stay tuned for further details.**

The District is very aware that there are many secondary students and families who prefer to have their child in F2F learning and in athletics during this two-week period, however, we sincerely hope you will support remote learning for this brief pause so we can all return to F2F learning on April 26 and finish this school year.

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