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**Midland Public Schools
District Vision Statement**

Superintendent Communiqué

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*Lead with respect, trust and courage.
Ensure an equitable, collaborative
and inclusive culture.
Enable all to achieve success.*

(Adopted by the MPS Board of Education July 20, 2020)

***Midland
Public
Schools
firmly
believes
that
the full
face-2-face
learning
experience
is best for
students. ...***

... However, given the COVID pandemic in which our world is currently entrenched, each MPS family has to decide which learning model (face-2-face, virtual, hybrid) is best for their child(ren) for the 2020-21 school year.

As you know, for the past couple of weeks, MPS families have been letting us know if they wish to move from virtual to F2F learning for 2nd semester. This movement in learning models has resulted in the opening of some spaces in our MPS Virtual Academy. (*Choosing to move from F2F to virtual is a semester-long commitment.*)

ELEMENTARY STUDENT FAMILIES

For elementary families whose child attended 1st semester F2F and wish to move to virtual for 2nd semester:

- ➔ **Contact your school Principal via email before 4:00 pm Monday, December 7, if you would like information about the virtual academy for your child .**
- ➔ Enrollment in the Virtual Academy is limited to capacity.
- ➔ All students, including virtual students, will be required to physically attend school for the administration of required M-STEP state assessments.

MIDDLE/HIGH STUDENT FAMILIES

For middle/high school families whose child attended 1st semester fully F2F and wish to move to virtual/hybrid for 2nd semester, here are a few factors to consider:

- ➔ **Contact your building Assistant Principal via email before 4:00 pm Monday, December 7, if you would like information about the virtual academy for your child .**
- ➔ Enrollment in the Virtual Academy will be limited to capacity.
- ➔ All students, including virtual students, will be required to physically attend school for the administration of required state assessments (M-STEP, PSAT and SAT).
- ➔ Each student will have an individualized consultation with their MPS counselor to create the schedule.
- ➔ Students moving to virtual courses are expected to work on their courses every day and stay on target with their daily calendar. Work is more independent in nature. Students must also attend scheduled Google Meets with their MPS mentor at least twice per week. This is considered a student's attendance and failure to do so may result in truancy.

MPSCConnect is a convenient communications tool for you to connect with me.

Every message comes to my desktop. Either I or another MPS staff member will do all we can to reply to your message within the next work day.

<https://www.midlandps.org/content2/706>

— Michael E. Sharrow, Superintendent

Midland PS Food Service Update

December 1, 2020 through January 14, 2021



Midland Public Schools will be extending the Free Summer Meals Program for all community children age 0-18. That means **Free Meals** for all children!

No need to fill out a pre-order form at this time. A signature of confirmation of meal pick up will be needed at each location.

STARTING DECEMBER 1:

- **Meals will be available for pick up at all the these schools from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm:**

Adams Elementary, Siebert Elementary, Woodcrest Elementary, Plymouth Elementary, Chestnut Hill Elementary, Central Park Elementary & Midland High.

- **Meals will also be available for pick up at these bus locations from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm:**

- ⇒ Ingersoll Township Hall (3026 S Sasse Rd)
- ⇒ Westown Grocery (1013 E Isabella Rd)
- ⇒ North Midland Family Center (2601 E Shearer Rd)
- ⇒ E Free Church- 7221 N Jefferson Ave
- ⇒ Alpine Park Village- 3601 Alpine Drive

- **Every Saturday two (2) meals will be available for pick up at Central Park Elementary & Midland High School locations only, 9:00 am to 11:00 am.**

Scheduled dates and number of free meals families may pick up per child:

- December 1st (2 Meals) → December 3rd (3 Meals)
- December 8th (2 Meals) → December 10th (3 Meals)
- December 15th (2 Meals) → December 17th (3 Meals)
- Holiday Break December 22nd (5 Meals)
- Holiday Break December 29th (5 Meals)
- January 5th (2 Meals) → January 7th (3 Meals)
- January 12th (2 Meals) → January 14th (3 Meals)
- Every Saturday, two (2) meals will be available for pick up at Central Park Elementary & Midland High from 9-11 am

Thank You, Midland PS Chartwells' Team!

WEEKLY COVID UPDATES

- MPS Covid-19 Update: Here is the link to the update from the Midland County Health Department*: <https://www.midlandps.org/News/mps-covid-19-update>
*While MPS is in full virtual learning, we will update these numbers weekly, rather than daily.
- Midland County COVID-19 Dashboard: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/abfab9f43a74363b7ad28a763d4d2b6/>
- Michigan.gov School-Related COVID-19 Outbreak Reporting: https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98163_98173_102480---,00.html

Opportunity for MPS elementary families who are looking for daycare/learning facilitation for their child during our current “pause” in F2F learning.

A message from the Midland Salvation Army:

As a result of decisions made by Governor Whitmer and Midland Public Schools, face to face learning is suspended until mid January 2021. We know that while necessary, these decisions can create difficulty for parents of elementary students. Because we possess resources and safety protocols to cautiously continue programming, The Salvation Army is offering a
SHARE Virtual Learning program. *This program will collaborate with both parents and Midland Public Schools to ensure an optimum learning experience for students K through 5th grade. Our programs will provide care and student aid on Monday through Friday, from 7:30AM to 5:30PM. Students will follow the Virtual Learning model provided by MPS, with SHARE staff providing any facilitation or assistance necessary to achieve success. If this program interests you, or you have questions, please call (989) 496-2787.*



SHARE VIRTUAL LEARNING PROGRAM

Monday-Friday — 7:30 am to 5:40 pm

SHARE Program begins today—November 30, 2020

Cost \$100/week/student

Here is the link for more information about this program as well as the registration form: <https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/midlandmi/share-2019/>

If interested, don't delay. Space is limited to allow for safety protocols.



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JOIN OUR MPS TEAM — Current Open Positions

MPS Employment Opportunities Link:

<https://www.midlandps.org/Content/Employment%20Opportunities>

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Position	Location
Bus Driver, Substitute	MPS Transportation
Coach, Assistant, Soccer, Girls'	HH Dow HS
Coach, Head, Soccer, Girls'	HH Dow HS
Enrollment and McKinney Vento Specialist	Administration Center
Paraprofessional, Special Education (2 positions)	District-wide
Paraprofessional, Substitute	District
School Psychologist	District
School Social Worker	District
Speech & Language Pathologist	Elementary Buildings
Teacher, Social Studies	Jefferson MS
Teacher, Special Education	District

Parent/Guardian Student Canvas Course 'Observer' Instructions



On Page 3 of last week's Communique, we included Parent/Guardian Student Canvas Course 'Observer' Instructions.

If you have not had a chance to create a Canvas account or need to refer to those guides, here is the link to last week's Communique:

<https://www.midlandps.org/docs/district/depts/24/112320Communique.pdf>



SHINING STARS ... If you would like to nominate a deserving MPS team member for a Shining Star, please complete the nomination form.

<https://www.midlandps.org/Content2/shining-star-nomination-form>



Broadband Survey from Midland County

YOUR input is NEEDED!

Here is a link to the flyer with lots of information about the Midland County Broadband Initiative including the survey link: <https://www.midlandps.org/Midland-County-Broadband-Fact-Sheet>

Here is an excerpt from the flyer with info about this County initiative:

"To perform an assessment of Midland County's current broadband environment, the Committee will be conducting surveys of local residents, businesses, and other organizations across the county. Responses to these surveys will help us better understand the existing resources and capabilities we now have to support the access, adoption and use of broadband technology in our homes and business. After a structured evaluation of this assessment, we'll then develop appropriate action plans and projects to improve our broadband environment most effectively."



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<https://www.youtube.com/user/MidlandPublicSchools>

Student Flyers:

<https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/studentflyers/>

Community Flyers:

<https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/communityflyers>

Administration	923-5001
Adams Elementary	923-6037
Carpenter Pre-Primary	923-6411
Central Park Elem.	923-6836
Chestnut Hill Elem.	923-6634
Plymouth Elementary	923-7616
Siebert Elementary	923-7835
Woodcrest Elementary	923-7940
Jefferson Middle	923-5873
Northeast Middle	923-5772
H. H. Dow High	923-5382
Midland High	923-5181

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Wise words to ponder ...

"Diversity and inclusion, which are the real grounds for creativity, must remain at the center of what we do." — Marco Bizzarri