Face-to-Face (F2F) In-School Learning and MPS Virtual Academy Enrollment/Learning

The window for enrolling in the MPS Virtual Academy closed this past Wednesday with approximately 2000 students starting the school year virtually and over 5000 attending face-to-face. Staffing, scheduling and teacher professional development are all occurring now. The building of student schedules is currently underway now that the virtual enrollment window has closed.

In today’s Midland Daily News, a local pediatrician stated, “As we consider return to in-person learning, each family must consider their own unique risks and benefits; this is not a ‘one answer fits all’ situation.”

Whether your family has selected face-to-face learning, the MPS Virtual Academy or a combination of the two through the middle/high school hybrid learning model, we are honored that you have chosen Midland PS for the education of your child(ren).

Stay tuned for teacher assignments, middle school schedules, high school schedules, supply lists, etc. for both face-to-face and virtual learning to come your way in the next couple of weeks. Your school will be in touch via email to let you know the method they will utilize to release the information to your family.

Some 2020-21 School Year Important Info

Free/Reduced Meal Application: To qualify for free/reduced breakfast and lunch prices for the 2020-21 school year, families must complete a new application each year. Only one application is needed per family. Applications can be completed online: www.lunchapp.com.

Your Child/Family Contact Information: Please log into Home Access Center ASAP to confirm/change your child(ren)’s contacts, address and phone numbers. It is required that schools have "proof of residency" for each student every time they move. A copy of a utility bill with the parent/guardian current name and address would serve as documentation. It is very important that this information is kept up to date so you don’t miss any information from the school or should the school need to contact you in case of emergency.

Link to HAC: https://hac.midlandps.org/HomeAccess/Account/LogOn?ReturnUrl=%2fHomeAccess%2f
If you have any questions about HAC, please contact your child(ren)’s school office. School office phone numbers are listed on the last page of this Communique.

Before/After School Care:
As has been the practice in the past, before and after school care are available at all MPS elementary schools (of course, using safety/health COVID-19 protocols). The care providers handle their own registration. Here is a list of the providers at MPS schools and their phone numbers:

Quality Time (by Greater Midland Community Center) 832-7937 x 2237
Central Park Elementary, Chestnut Hill Elementary, Siebert Elementary, Woodcrest Elementary
Campfire -- 832-2295
Pre-Primary Center at Carpenter Street School, Adams Elementary, Plymouth Elementary

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
Thank you, MPS Voters!

As we end Summer 2020, the 2.95 mills bond funds have been working hard and continue to make important, needed updates to MPS facilities, technology, transportation, infrastructure and more. The bond funds approved by voters approximately five years ago totaled $121 million dollars. Of the $121 million, close to $4 million was designated for athletic facilities, which is where we see some of the funds spent this past summer.

Bond Project Current Updates

⇒ The Midland Community Stadium turf and track projects are now complete.
⇒ Gym floor at Jefferson is 90% complete and Northeast gym floor is starting. The middle school gym renovations are nearly complete with the exception of Jefferson’s bleachers that were delayed due to COVID. The bleachers are anticipated to arrive early September and should be completed shortly after.
⇒ The HH Dow High tennis courts have been poured and are two weeks from being completed.
⇒ Midland High tennis courts will be done shortly after DHS.
⇒ HVAC work at Dow High will be commissioned this week or next and air balancing will begin.
⇒ The Dow High “front porch” project is nearly complete.
⇒ Engineering and drawings for next year’s projects have already begun.

The bond work completed during the past five years have made a profound difference for our buildings. Our schools are safer, more secure, energy efficient, brighter, more comfortable, and the list goes on and on!

Thank you MPS Voters!

Special Services Director Correction

We send our best wishes to Kevin Gosson, MPS Special Services Director, who has announced his retirement as of the end of September.

Midland Public Schools welcomes Jessica Brunsell as the new Midland PS Special Services Director. Ms. Brunsell comes to MPS from the Bay-Arenac ISD where she held the position of Special Education Director for Bay City Public Schools. In addition to the Director of Special Education, she also held the position of Transition Coordinator for Bay and Arenac Counties.

Ms. Brunsell has multiple years of experience teaching Special Education within the Saginaw and Bay-Arenac Intermediate School Districts. She holds a Master’s of Education Leadership from SVSU and her Bachelor of Science in Education from Central Michigan University.

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Brunsell to Midland Public Schools!

(In last week’s Communique, we had Ms. Brunsell’s first name incorrect. We sincerely apologize for our error. We look forward to welcoming Ms. Jessica Brunsell to the MPS Team!)

Our Schools Quarterly Newsletter

The August 2020 Our Schools will be an insert in the August 22 on-line and print Midland Daily News edition.

Here is the link if you would like to take a sneak peek: http://www.midlandps.org/OurSchools202008

This Our Schools includes lots of new school year information, including the bus schedule on your school’s page. However, if your child has alternate transportation available, we encourage you to utilize it. Fewer bus riders would greatly assist the District to adhere to COVID-19 safety protocols.

The Rock After School Care for Grades 6-12

The Rock After School Program is for students in grades 6-12. Students can choose activities from a semi-structured program including homework assistance. No fee is charged for the ROCK programs, however, fundraising is done throughout the year to support the program.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE REGISTERED PRIOR TO ATTENDING THE PROGRAM. For those interested in attending the Community Center ROCK program, ask the ROCK about transportation options.

For into or to register: https://conta.cc/30TvBKn or call 835-2542.
# JOIN OUR MPS TEAM — Current Open Positions

MPS Employment Opportunities Link: [https://www.midlandps.org/Content/Employment%20Opportunities](https://www.midlandps.org/Content/Employment%20Opportunities)

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- 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

## Annual Notices

Per statute, the Midland Public Schools must notify stakeholders of applicable state and federal laws.

All students and parents are expected to review and be knowledgeable of the information included herein annually. These annual notices are included in MPS student handbooks, located on each of the schools’ websites.

Here is the link to the Annual Notices information:


## Wise words to ponder ...

“All kids need is a little help, a little hope and somebody who believes in them.”  
— Magic Johnson