Dear Mustang Families,

In the last week MBUSD has taken big steps in further clarifying our Distance Learning Plan. Thank you to those students, staff, parents, administrators, and Board Members who contributed countless hours to reinventing school. I say ‘reinventing’ because we now have to do school differently than ever before. If you’re wondering, it’s difficult, often frustrating, yet exhilarating work. This period of education will be the most important work we ever do.

Since we have continued with a block schedule, students will only have to track half of their classes on any given day. In contrast to the Spring, this schedule will be strictly followed by teachers, so there will be no conflicts between classes. Also, every class has a daily guarantee of live, synchronous instruction. This means that that teachers will be there in person with students, daily. Understand that synchronous instruction can mean that the teacher is working with the whole class, small breakout groups, or 1:1, but they will be there. Daily classes will involve live instruction, video, guided practice, assessments, discussion, and many other strategies - all of which are part of teacher’s on campus curriculum. Though virtual, it will be a rich experience for students. We also added Wellness Wednesday. This day is a mix of asynchronous instruction in every class, Office Hours available with every teacher, and a Social-Emotional Wellness period where we will share and discuss many topics important to student growth as citizens in the world community. Our goal with distance learning is to ensure students feel connected to the Costa community as they learn, and that they have a healthy sense of belonging. Our district is working to connect our teachers to training and our school PTSA is supporting our teachers with tools and trainings they can use for their virtual classrooms. Here’s the schedule:

We are pleased to announce that we are working to resume training sessions with Costa athletes. The 7th period in the schedule is for athletics and extracurriculars. The County recently released guidelines allowing for safe, socially-distanced training of athletes. The coaches have been working for months, behind the scenes, preparing for this, and we will move forward cautiously. It is absolutely imperative each team’s approved plan be strictly followed. Any unauthorized variations or violations of approved training plans will result in immediate shut down indefinitely. The immense privilege of leading the way has an incredible responsibility attached to it. Your teams, team mates, and fellow athletes at other schools will greatly benefit from MCHS athletes and coaches doing it the right way. The COSTA way!

Sincerely,

Ben Dale
Principal