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Hello Marlboro Families,

I hope everyone is staying safe and strong.

As stated in an earlier communication, I think it would be incredible and create a sense of community if each child in our district made a sign with an inspirational message. Then, I want you to take a picture of that sign. If you are comfortable, take a picture of the student holding the sign. Or, if you are not comfortable, please just take a picture of the sign. Mine is below. When you are done, please email Tricia Tyndorf at ttyndorf@mtps.org. Our goal is to create a slideshow to post to the district's website.



I wanted to take a moment and address some consistent questions that are being raised while also providing you our usual MTPS Update:

- **Donations**

- MTPS completed the first wave of donations to Bartley Healthcare in Jackson because they were in desperate need of supplies. Marlboro Means Something.



- **Remote Learning (March 26th Update)**

- Our district is quickly adjusting to our new reality. We are going to deploy a plan that will include Zoom for virtual learning, content videos, and the posting of content that we have been doing. I have received a lot of questions on this topic. Please understand that we were not built to be 100% virtual. And, we will not be. There is no way to have a child Zoom all day for every period. Our district plan will include the three important parts listed above. The combination of live virtual experiences, recorded videos, and posted content to both web pages and Google Classroom is the very best combination of learning we can achieve in our virtual environment. We believe this is the very best plan we can develop district-wide under our circumstances. Our district goal is to have a new plan beginning when students return from spring break. That will have given our students, staff, and community the opportunity to adjust to remote learning. I will communicate what this specifically will look like. Thank you for your hard work and understanding as parents and guardians.

- **Return to School (March 26 Update)**

- As of today, we are mandated by the Governor to be closed through April 17th. He mentioned today that the decision to reopen schools is his decision. We absolutely will not be returning next week. We will be continuing our remote instructional plan. When I am informed of any changes to our home learning, you will be my first contact.

- **Spring Break (March 26th Update)**

- Marlboro's spring break will be as planned. The last day of virtual learning will be Wednesday, April 8th. Virtual learning is planned to resume on Monday, April 20th. If we receive guidance from the NJDOE that alters this plan, I will contact you immediately.

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9-17 Spring Recess						

- **State Child Care Update:**

- Executive Order 110 has ordered that all childcare centers must close EXCEPT for:
 - Centers registered with DCF to provide care to children of COVID-19 Essential Personnel.
 - Home-based centers serving five or fewer children.
 - Centers on federal property such as military bases.
- Parents or guardians in need of childcare can contact the [ChildCare Resource and Referral Agency](#) in their county. CCR&R's will have the most up to date information on available childcare options and subsidies.
- [Go to nj.gov/dcf/coronavirus](https://www.nj.gov/dcf/coronavirus)
- Per New Jersey Department of CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, COVID-19 Essential Personnel includes:
 - Health care workers, including staff working in health care facilities and in community-based services including home health and behavioral health;
 - Law enforcement personnel, fire and emergency services personnel and staff at correctional facilities;
 - Individuals employed at emergency childcare centers operating after April 1, 2020;
 - Staff working for entities that provide essential social services, including, but not limited to group home and shelter staff;
 - Essential government employees who are unable to work from home, including child protection service workers, child welfare workers, foster care workers, unemployment compensation processing staff and public health employees.
 - Certain critical workers, as defined by the commissioner of DCF, at essential retail businesses, as defined in Executive Order No.107 (2020) and subsequent Administrative Orders.

- **Recurring Updates:**

- **Eric's Updates**

- Please expect a daily update directly from me. When I have information, I will inform the community accordingly and accurately. In addition, I would like to ask a favor during these difficult times, if you have any issues, please contact your child's teacher first and then the building principal. We will work to solve any and all problems. I am inserting the building leadership emails below:

Marlboro Middle School	- pnieliwocki@mtps.org
Marlboro Memorial Middle School	- jpacifico@mtps.org
Asher Holmes	- jcilmi@mtps.org
Defino Central	- dstratuik@mtps.org
Dugan	- rpagliario@mtps.org
Marlboro Elementary	- mshatz@mtps.org
Robertsville	- jgreen@mtps.org
AELC	- aperno@mtps.org

- **Elderly in Need**

- If you know of someone that needs help, please email me at ehibbs@mtps.org.

- **Facilities Update**

- As of next Monday, our buildings will have significantly cut back on in-district staff on orders from the State of New Jersey in order to ensure we are protecting our staff and community. If you have a need, please contact your building principal.

- **Free and Reduced Lunch Information:**

- We realize that these times are difficult for us all. Please click [HERE](#) for School Lunch Information. If your circumstances have changed, please email your completed form to vcaravello@mtps.org.

- **Food Delivery**

- This week (March 23-27), we will deliver on Monday - Wednesday - Friday. You will receive two lunches/snacks for Monday-Tuesday on Monday. You will receive two lunches/snacks for Wednesday-Thursday on Wednesday. Friday will have only one lunch/snack. If you could do us a favor and place either some plastic or a bin outside on rainy days that would be much appreciated. If you need anything, please email Vinnie at vpalmiero@mtps.org.

- **Mental Health Resources**

- [Mental Health In-District Information](#)
- [MTPS Mental Health Out-of-District Information](#)

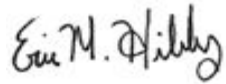
- [MTPS COVID-19 FAQ](#)

- **Special Education:**

- As of now, we have scheduled over 100 virtual IEP meetings. If you have any specific concerns, please reach out to your case manager. You can also reach our leadership team.
 - Dr. Dana Blair - Director of Special Services @dblair@mtps.org
 - Mrs. Maryelizabeth Tirone - Supervisor of Special Services @ mtirone@mtps.org

Be Safe and Strong Marlboro!

Sincerely,



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