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Hello Marlboro Families,

This is the Friday, March 20th Parent and Guardian update. We have finished our first full week of online learning. As a district, we have taken feedback from both the community and the staff in order to constantly revise and adapt during these very difficult times. Please know that we are planning for the future, and there will be some changes to our overall plan in the spirit of constant reflection.

I wanted to take just a moment and highlight important points about MTPS:

- **Look of Next Week**

- For next week (the 23rd - 27th), we will be operating the exact same way we operated this week.

- **Chromebooks**

- If you do not have a chromebook for your child or if the chromebook you have is not working, please contact your building principal. We will then work to ensure you receive one.

- **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

- **Length of School Closing**
 - As of right now, we are following the directive of Governor Murphy. Schools in NJ are not currently closed for the remainder of the year. We will monitor and update you when we are informed.
- **Weekend School**
 - We will not hold school on weekends. Your weekends are your weekends. And as of now, I'm sure you need them.
- **Printing**
 - We are working with our staff to ensure your children are not required to print. We realize this requires paper and ink. You can print anything you want on your own, but we will not be requiring printing.
- **Deadline for Work Submission**
 - We are recommending that assignments be completed by the following instructional day after being assigned by the teacher. We realize that this is a very difficult time. If you encounter a specific problem, please email your teacher and/or building principal. **We will work with you.**
- **Entering the Buildings**
 - If for any reason you need something from the building, please email your building principal. We will then work with you. We are constantly in the process of cleaning. So, please don't be offended when we don't let you enter the buildings. We will work tirelessly to help you in these difficult circumstances.
- **Virtual Learning Update**
 - Right now, our staff have the option of using virtual learning options. As a district, we have a team working non-stop to further develop this plan so that we are unified as a district. This will include easy to learn professional development for staff and parents/guardians.
- **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.
- **State Testing**
 - Just today, President Trump has announced that the Department of Education will not enforce federal standardized testing requirements for students in elementary through high school for the current year. New Jersey has not disseminated guidance on state testing as of now. Stay tuned.

- **Student Loans**

- President Trump has also discussed with his administration the concept of student loans. He has apparently temporarily waived all interest on federally held student loans and he says he's directed Education Secretary Besty DeVos to tell federal lenders to allow borrowers to suspend their student loans and loan payments, without penalty for at least the next 60 days. So you may want to look into this if you have loans (or have your older children look into).

- **Food Delivery**

- Next 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 need anything, please email Vinnie at vpalmiero@mtps.org.

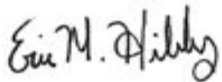
- **Elderly in Need**

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

I can't thank you enough for the outpouring of support you have sent me and our district. I know how hard this is because I have three children of my own. We will continue to do our very best to serve you in these difficult times. Please look for our next update on Monday.

Be safe. Remember that family comes first. We will not stress over the little things that might arise. If you need me, I am here all weekend. Please contact me at ehibbs@mtps.org.

Sincerely,



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