

SchoolMessenger – Coronavirus Update – March 17, 2020

Voicemail

Hello MCS Families – this is Public Information Officer Becky Fortuna. I apologize for the length of this message, but please listen as I am calling with updates on our plans for meal pick-up, distance learning and mental health support.

Meal pick-up will be available Monday through Friday starting March 19 through April 3, for those 18 years and under. Children must be present to receive a meal. Each child will receive a bagged lunch and breakfast for the following day. Locations are set up to be drive-through and families are asked to stay in their vehicle. Walk-ups are discouraged, but if it is necessary, please maintain social distancing of six feet. The schedule for meal pick-ups is available on our website at mcs4kids.com. Printed copies of the schedule will be available at schools tomorrow, or at the District Office.

Information on how to access distance learning materials is available at mcs4kids.com. Printed copies of the information will be available at schools tomorrow, or at the District Office. The distance learning options, which include educational resources and practice exercises, are available on the District website, and will be available on school websites in the coming days. If you prefer printed materials, packets will be available at all scheduled meal pick-up times and locations, and at the District Office located at 426 Locust Street, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Finally, we are working on providing a hotline (209-492-6000) for families who need assistance during the school closures. The hotline will provide technical support for online learning, but more importantly, it will provide free counseling services during this trying time. We understand the challenges our families are experiencing and hope that the counseling services will help.

Remember, school closures begin Thursday and staff may be at schools finishing up essential work before spring break. Staff will not answer phones or welcome anyone on campus during this time.

We will continue keep you informed using our messaging system, websites and social media as needed. Thank you for your patience as we work through these details.

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