



MOSHANNON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. John W. Zesiger, Superintendent

March 16, 2020

Moshannon Valley Families, Students, and Staff,

With the closing of all school districts in Pennsylvania, Moshannon Valley School District is doing its best to communicate with families and assist where we can. We appreciate your understanding during this unprecedented event.

Food Service

The district is offering **free lunch and breakfast food items to all students and family members** under the age of 18 or over the age of 18, if they are disabled. Meals can be picked up at the High School Auditorium/Gym entrance between 11:00 and 12:15, Monday through Friday, **beginning tomorrow, March 17**. Eligible family members need to be present to receive a meal.

Resources/Activities for Students

Students will be receiving resources and activities tomorrow, **March 17**, via email to keep them academically engaged during this period of closure. These resources will serve as opportunities for enrichment and independent learning. Students will be encouraged, but not required to complete the studies.

MVSD Campus Closure

All meetings, activities, athletics, and related school events are postponed and subject to reschedule or cancellation.

No community use of the school facilities will be permitted during this time. This includes the elementary playground and the Auxiliary Gym located behind the high school.

District Law Enforcement and Security staff will be advised to turn away individuals, unless prior arrangements are made, as we work to clean and sanitize our buildings during this closure. *This does not pertain to the pickup of meals being provided.*

Fundraisers

Information pertaining to the ongoing fundraisers are listed below. Please note that these dates are tentative.

- 8th grade Powerhouse Sub pickup has been rescheduled for April 28.
- Elementary PTO Gertrude Hawk and Uncle Jerry's Natures Vision pickup is scheduled for April 8.
- National Honor Society American Cancer Society daffodil and tulip sale is still being addressed. This event may not occur.
- Junior class apple dumpling, brownies, and cinnamon rolls and sophomore class Stromboli sale due dates have been extended until school is back in session.

Working Together to Ensure Every Student Succeeds

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration originally scheduled to be held on March 31 has been postponed. More information will be provided at a later date.

Student Medications

Families will be notified by the school nursing staff and arrangements will be made for student medication to be returned. If you have not been contacted and have medications on campus, please contact the District Office.

Instructional Days

Pennsylvania Department of Education's (PDE) most recent guidance states "*PDE will not penalize districts/schools, who are unable to meet the minimum 180-day/instructional hours' requirement as a result of the COVID-19 response.*" This guidance does not delineate what "*unable to meet*" means nor does it address how make-up days or additional days figure into to the definition of "*unable to meet.*" At this time, all families should be aware that instructional days will be made up from prior scheduled snow days or added to the end of the calendar because we would be able to meet the requirement with those additions. All students, families, and staff are urged to keep any plans flexible throughout the month of June. As more guidance is presented, we will pass it along.

All urgent matters are to be addressed by the respective building principals or superintendent. Please feel free email them, as needed.

We will continue to communicate to families, students, and staff members, as we work through this unique situation. In the meantime, please stay safe and positive.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John W. Zesiger".

John W. Zesiger, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools