



MOSHANNON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT OFFICE

Dr. John W. Zesiger, Superintendent

April 16, 2020

Moshannon Valley Students and Families,

First, I want to thank our students for the outstanding job they have done as circumstances have forced us to teach and learn in ways we had not anticipated. I have visited several online sessions and have been encouraged by the instruction, activities, and connections our professional staff members made with our students over the past two weeks.

While there are a number of updates and important items that follow, it will in no way answer every question our students and families have, and may prompt additional questions for us to consider. Please review everything and feel free to contact administration with questions

Graded Assignments:

As the Governor changed the focus of the school year last Thursday ordering all schools to remain in their Continuity of Education Plan until the end of the school year, we have now transitioned to how we will record academic progress in ELA and Math.

- For the fourth marking period, students will receive a grade of ***Participating (PG)*** or ***No Grade (NG)*** at the end of the fourth marking period.
 - A ***Participating*** would be given to students in ELA and math who “passed” and would be calculated as a 100% for the purposes of cumulative GPA, class rank, etc. Students who are regularly participating in Google Meet sessions or other online teacher led sessions, completing assignments, and returning work would be deemed participating.
 - A ***No Grade*** means there was not enough evidence to know that a student made progress. A ***No Grade*** for the fourth marking period would result in the final grade for the class being an average of the first three marking periods. For semester classes, the third marking period grade would be used as the final grade.

Food Service

- A reminder that pick-up food service is available between 11:00 and 12:15 at the high school. All children 18 and under are eligible. The district has been providing roughly 3,000 meals per week to children in the community.

Student Collection of Items and Personal Item Pick Up:

- We are currently working through various scenarios to have a one-time drop off for student materials, collection of items like books, uniforms, etc, and student pick-up of personal items. This event will be conducted across several days. The timeframe will most likely be between May 18 and May 29. More specific details will be coming.

Field Trips:

- Right now teachers or advisers are officially cancelling MoValley visits for this school year. We are working to have all student and parent paid money refunded. Once vendors have refunded money, the District will be issuing checks to families.

District Events [Prom, Graduation, Freshman Dance, etc.]:

- **Graduation:** There will be some form of a graduation ceremony at the end of the school year. The date, time, and type of event will be determined in the next few weeks, and completed with some input from the senior class. More information will be coming here soon.
- It will be the practice for the District to postpone events until such time as the state, Department of Education, and/or Department of Health permit school districts to conduct activities that permit large group gatherings. Once that permission is granted, the District will begin to schedule events based on priority and availability. It is our hope to hold as many of those postponed events as we are able. At this time, there are no plans to hold District activities at other venues or locations.

Open Gyms & Athletics:

- PIAA has stated that no PIAA affiliated teams or sports may practice or gather in any fashion, formal or informal, prior to July 1, 2020. PIAA has said closer to that time, additional guidance will be provided. Moshannon Valley athletic facilities will not be available to any group prior to that July 1 date, and teams, coaches, or players do not have permission to meet at outside venues until permitted by PIAA.
- **Varsity Letter Winners for Spring Sports:** The decision has been made to award all varsity springs sports athletes with a varsity letter

School Drama Performances:

- **Elementary Play:** At the request of the Elementary Play Directors, at this time, the elementary play will be rescheduled for a late Fall 2020 date. Information will be sent to parents and students at the start of the 2020-2021 school year, and all students who originally planned to participate in the production will be able to do so if they desire.
- **High School Play:** The play has been postponed and no additional information is available at this time.

Dual Enrollment Classes

- We have been in contact with both St. Francis and Mount Aloysius and are awaiting their final determination. Students will either receive credit or be refunded their dual enrollment fees. With both universities working with nearly 80 public school districts, and all of those districts conducting education in a different fashion, it has taken some time for the colleges to determine their procedures. We anticipate having a final decision in the next two weeks.

Student Packets

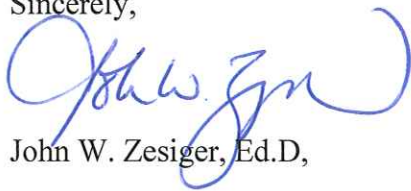
- Elementary student packets can be picked up [and completed work returned] every Monday during food pick-up at the high school.
- High school student packets will follow the previous schedule with the next pick-up day on Monday, April 27.

Senior Class Google Meet

- Just a reminder that there is a Google Meet scheduled for this evening at 5:00 pm for members of the Class of 2020. Details were sent to student's MoValley email account.

Thank you, please stay safe, and stay positive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John W. Zesiger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent.

John W. Zesiger, Ed.D,