



# MOSHANNON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Dr. John W. Zesiger, Superintendent*

March 20, 2020

Good Afternoon Everyone,

Although this week has been very trying, I want to thank all of you for your cooperation and positive outlook. It is my hope that you are receiving the correspondence provided by the district, and you have found it beneficial and helpful. As we continue through this difficult scenario, as promised, I am providing more updates below.

### **School Meal Service**

Just a reminder that pick up meal service is available Monday-Friday at the high school gym between 11:00 am and 12:15 pm for all children age 18 and under.

### **180-Day Requirement**

We are still working through all the guidance from PDE. At this time, all districts have been “encouraged to make up days using pre-planned snow days, Act 80 professional development days, and adding days to the end of the school year calendar; however schools will not be required to make up any days. Since we still do not know if or when we might be returning to regular classes, we are not making any determination on the end of the school year calendar. We understand both the frustration and concern over what the end of the school year looks like, and we will provide definitive answers when we have a clearer picture of the timeframe of the closure. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

### **State Testing Cancelled**

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) announced the cancellation of all PSSA testing and Keystone exams for the 2019-20 school year as a result of COVID-19. This includes the Pennsylvania Alternate System of Assessment (PASA).

### **Student Scheduling for 2020-2021**

The district continues to work on normal tasks in preparation for the 2020-2021 school year. Right now, we would be meeting with all students to complete their class registrations for next year. Some grade levels have completed and submitted their schedule request forms, many have not. We will be contacting students by phone in the coming days and weeks to confirm their course selections for next year. Scheduling requests can also be emailed to Mr. Justin Fye, Assistant Principal, at [jfye@movalley.org](mailto:jfye@movalley.org).

### **Scholarships**

We anticipate an extension to the scholarship process. In the meantime, seniors should be working on applications and essays in preparation for the due date, tentatively still scheduled for Thursday, April 23rd. Seniors are encouraged to complete applications for the many scholarships offered through the School District and Education Foundation. All scholarship information is accessible on the 12th Grade Google Classroom site. Completed Scholarship

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applications can be emailed at any time to Mr. Kris Albright, High School Principal, at [kalbright@movalley.org](mailto:kalbright@movalley.org).

### **Fundraisers**

**8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Fundraiser** - Pickup for the Powerhouse Sub sale has been tentatively rescheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup>

**National Honor Society fundraiser** - The American Cancer Society has cancelled their annual daffodil sale. Any individual who purchased items will receive a full refund or can elect to make a charitable donation to the American Cancer Society in the amount of their original purchase. We will provide more information on the refund process as we are made aware.

**Sophomore Class fundraiser** – Tentatively, orders will be due Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the delivery date is set for Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Cyber Classes & Instruction**

Moshannon Valley students who take cyber classes will not be able to access their courses due to a hold placed on all work by the Governor with the statewide school closure. Classes will be accessible once school re-opens or new guidance is provide from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). Here is the official directive:

*Under Governor Wolf's directive, all schools in Pennsylvania are closed. This includes: public K-12 schools, brick and mortar and cyber charter schools, private and parochial schools, career and technical centers (CTCs), intermediate units (IUs); and childcare centers operating within any of the aforementioned; educational programming for students in non-educational placements such as residential settings (boarding schools), residential facilities, detention centers, and hospital settings; PA Pre-K Counts, Head Start Programs and Preschool Early Intervention programs/services; and Private Academic Nursery Schools and locally funded prekindergarten activities.*

### **YMCA Meal Service to Start**

Starting Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the YMCA will offer meal service at the Wreck Center in Houtzdale from 12:00-1:00 pm, the Madera Volunteer Fire Company from 12:00-1:00 pm, and the Ramey Fire Company from 12:00-1:00 pm.

With the state mandate that all non-life-sustaining businesses close, the District will only be open Monday-Friday from 9:00 am-12:30 pm to prepare and serve meals to children.

We appreciate all the efforts that everyone involved are taking during this uneasy time. We will continue to keep the school community members updated with new information as it is received.

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If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Superintendent's office at (814) 378-7609 or check the district website at [www.movalley.org](http://www.movalley.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John W. Zesiger". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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