

# Miller Place Union Free School District

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Sandra A. Wojnowski

March 24, 2020

Re: MPSD Update and Instructional Plans

Good afternoon Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we journey through these unprecedented times. As we continue to navigate our way through many issues surrounding COVID-19 and its impact on our educational setting, the importance of maintaining instruction continues to be at the forefront of our minds.

On March 17, 2020 the District posted on each school's webpage supplemental materials, "packets" for your children to use to maintain their knowledge and skills to insure future academic achievement. These packets contain two to three weeks' worth of materials. It is not necessary for parents to print out every page of the packet as children can use notebooks to record their answers or responses to questions, or detail their writing. Although these materials will not be graded by your child's teacher, it is in the best interest of the student to complete as much of the work as you deem appropriate. Please note, the District is prepared to post an additional packet of supplemental materials should it be necessary beyond the initial two-three week timeframe for the first packet.

Our District has not adopted delivering instruction using a Google Classroom environment. However, we had begun, prior to the onset of this current health crisis, incorporating Microsoft 365, a similar platform to Google Classroom.

The District is developing a transition plan that allows for a more interactive learning environment. This includes staff training, access issues, mode of teacher-student communication and more defined expectations for staff and students. We recognize this transition and implementation plan will take into account K-6 elementary instruction, secondary 7-12 instruction, and special education students (special class, integrated co-teaching and resource room) regarding instruction and related services.

Some teachers are already communicating with students in a variety of ways while we prepare to become more interactive. Attached to this email are detailed instructions on how to email your child's teacher via School-Tool.

School districts are still operating under the Governor's order closing schools through April 1, 2020. We are not aware if, or when, the next executive order may be issued regarding closing of schools beyond April 1<sup>st</sup>. Therefore, we are developing multiple plans that can be implemented based on local and state guidance.

Other items:

Elementary report cards will be posted on the School-Tool parent portal as scheduled on Friday, March 27, 2020.

IEP progress reports will be mailed to parents on March 27, 2020.

AP exam information will be sent to parents later today by Mr. White.

As with any information, as it is received and plans are finalized and ready to be implemented we will communicate that information to you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Marianne Cartisano  
Superintendent of Schools