

March 22, 2020

Dear mASD Parents and Students,

We know that these are trying times for us all. Above all else, our prayer for you, your children, and your loved ones is that you remain safe, adhere to social distancing when in the public, and stay at home as much as possible to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.

Because we know that the school district will be closed at least until April 17th, we are moving forward with a plan to support you and your children with maintaining an academic focus with grade level enrichment activities. These academic enrichment activities will be made available to students and parents in two (2) formats: (1) online instructional resources and (2) instructional packets.

If you and your children have access to the internet and a technology device, format 1 (online instructional resources) will be most appropriate for you. If you and your children do not have internet access or a technology device, format 2 (instructional packets) will be most appropriate for you.

The online instructional resources along with directions and guidance for usage will be available to you and your children on our district's website by 5pm on Monday, March 23rd. The district's website can be accessed at www.masd.k12.ms.us.

Instructional packets, which are only for parents and students without access to internet or a technology device, will be available only on Thursday, March 26th and Friday, March 27th. There will be three options for you and your child to receive their instructional packet.

We will send reminders and additional details about these three options throughout the week. For now, we will provide you an overview of these options.

Option #1 Instructional packets will be available for students to pick up at each of the two breakfast and lunch sites in Yazoo City from 11:30am-12:30pm (Woolfolk Middle or McCoy Elementary) and at any of the five sites in Humphreys County during the same time period (i.e. Silver City, Midnight, Louise, McNair Middle, or Isola).

Option #2 We will run regular bus routes in the morning hours on Thursday and Friday March 26th and 27th. Practicing social distancing and taking other necessary precautions, staff will provide instructional packets to students present at each bus stop.

Option #3 Weather permitting, we will set up drive-by and pick up tables for parents or students to drive by and pick up instructional packets. Parents and students in both Yazoo City and Humphreys County will be able to come to one location to pick up instructional packets for any student in grades pre-K through 12th grade. In Yazoo City, the location will be driveway between Yazoo City High School and McCoy Elementary. McNair Middle will be the location in Humphreys County.

Remember that these three options to receive instructional packets are only for parents and students without internet access or without a technology device. Additionally, these three options will only be available on Thursday and Friday, March 26th and 27th.

Lastly, be on the lookout for information coming specifically from your children's school. Schools will be providing parents and students with information to contact teachers or other school personnel should parents or students have questions or need help with any of the academic enrichment activities.

Additionally, if you are the parent of a special education student, special education personnel will also be reaching out to you to offer support and to ensure our district's compliance with special education requirements.

We will regularly provide updates to our district community during this period of closure. If you are not following our district on our various social media accounts, please do so. We may be found @masdonline on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Take Care and Be Safe!

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Superintendent