

Hello Parents,

Given the urgent and rapidly changing landscape due to the spread of the coronavirus, I will be sending frequent updates to keep you informed. The Morgan School District is working closely with the Weber-Morgan Health Department and other community agencies. The health department has statutory authority to close schools to students due to health conditions. Our schools will remain open until we are directed or determine otherwise.

### **Happening Now**

We are taking steps to cancel large group activities including assemblies and to minimize and stagger other gatherings including recess, passing times, and lunch. We will continue to teach and practice prevention measures including hand washing, use of hand sanitizer, avoidance of touching eyes, nose, mouth, others, and covering coughs and sneezes. We will also continue to clean and disinfect objects and surfaces.

You may keep your child out of school for health and safety reasons. We ask that you keep children home who are sick with any illness until they are well. Please keep the school informed about your student's attendance. Absences for health issues will be excused. Absences related to the 14-day quarantine protocol related to recent travel warnings, as provided by the CDC, will be excused. We have asked our teachers to not give rewards or incentives to students for attendance. We have also asked our teachers to not penalize any student for absences related to health and to allow students sufficient time to make up work and turn in assignments. Teachers provide assignments for students who are out of school for health and safety reasons via email, Canvass, and parent pick-up.

MHS has canceled the out-of-state drill trip and A Night with the Troyettes. The band trip scheduled to depart in April is still being assessed. A determination will also be made regarding the upcoming Junior Prom. MGMS will cancel attendance for the Lion King but will record and stream their production for family and friends. MGES has postponed their Daddy & Daughter Dance. Outdoor high school extra-curricular activities like track, baseball, softball, and soccer pose less risk and will take place as scheduled unless the UHSAA cancels them. Specific information about other events will be sent to you from each school.

Schools also have drama, music, and other activities scheduled to take place in the next few weeks. Again, administrators are collaborating with all stakeholders to determine the best course of action. This may include moving ahead with the performance, streaming the performance, or canceling the performance.

### **If Schools Close**

Teachers will provide assignments for students via email and Canvass. The school will lend a lap top computer (Chromebook) for any student who does not have access to one at home. Students without internet access will have assignments coordinated through the individual school office. Our administrators and teachers will ensure effective support of each student's learning and needs. Regardless of where the learning is happening, we will do all we can to support every child, including those with individualized education plans (IEP). Taking a

traditional school environment online is not a simple task and we ask for your patience. – nor is it one that should be attempted without serious consideration of the practicality and risk.

In the event that schools are closed we will plan to make food available for our most vulnerable students and families. We are working to insure food for students who rely on school meals. In the event that schools close to students, we will designate one kitchen in the district to prepare food for vulnerable students. We will coordinate with local community groups and churches to help with distribution if necessary.

I am also happy to answer any questions or concerns.

Thanks for your continued support.

Doug