



Dear MPS Families,

I want to start by hoping you and your loved ones are staying healthy during this difficult time. Throughout it all, our top priority is to maintain the safety and good health of our students, families, and staff.

I also want to share my appreciation for the MPS staff and community members who have stepped up to support our students and families during this time.

We recognize the questions many of you have on how learning will continue during the school closure due to COVID-19.

I want to take this opportunity to provide you with an update on the district's response to COVID-19. Specifically, how Milwaukee Public Schools is addressing the academic needs of our students. MPS is in the process of developing a plan for online learning opportunities to support our students during this school closure.

Our goal of preparing online learning opportunities is to provide options to reinforce academic skills, minimize instructional loss, and provide routines and structures to help students stay engaged and connected. All learning activities will be non-graded and organized by grade-level and content areas. We understand that this type of learning may be new for some, and we are prepared to support families through this process.

While this plan will not replace the classroom learning experience, it will ensure that learning for every student in Milwaukee Public Schools continues while school buildings are closed.

Beginning Tuesday, April 14, 2020, Milwaukee Public Schools will provide new printed instructional materials at the 20 Stop, Grab, and Go locations throughout the city and will continue to provide digital materials on the district webpage.

We know that not all our families have access to computers and internet services and are prepared to take steps to ensure all learners have the necessary access to online materials. Please take the [MPS Student Device and Internet Access Survey](#) to help us assess your family's technology needs. This survey will help us determine families who may need technology support at home so we can get devices in the hands of students who need them the most. Schools will prioritize high school students and seniors to ensure they remain on track towards credit attainment and graduation. Please complete this survey by Tuesday, April 7, by 1:00 p.m.

The tentative dates of device distribution are listed below. We will send another communication next week with additional details. Please save the following date(s) on your calendar.

- April 16 & 17 for high school students
- April 20 for middle school students
- April 22, 23, 24 for elementary school students

We know that online learning may be bumpy for some at first but we are working to put a plan in place to support students and families during this process. We are all up to the challenge of getting through this together.

Thank you for your support, cooperation, and patience through this longer-than-expected school closure. We will continue to provide updates to keep you informed as additional information is available. Stay healthy and happy at home!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith P. Posley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "K".

Dr. Keith P. Posley  
Superintendent of Schools