

# MISD News & Notes

August 2020



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Enriching the lives  
of our children  
through education

## Roadmap to Reopening Schools

As everyone knows, this has been an unusual year in many ways; including the resulting impact on schools and education.

### Stakeholder Input

Throughout the summer, District leaders and School Board members have been soliciting input from our stakeholders along with sharing information and ideas with other districts, while monitoring developments from the Wis. Dept. of Public Instruction, Wis. Dept. of Health and Human Services and the Centers.

The biggest challenge in determining what this upcoming school year will look like from an instructional standpoint is the ever-changing nature of the pandemic.

### The Plan

Despite the uncertainties, MISD has developed a

Roadmap to Reopening Schools Safely, which has been approved by the School Board. Our primary focus is keeping students, teachers, staff and leaders as safe and healthy as possible, while realizing you can't totally eliminate the risk.

### Health Checks

All students, teachers and staff coming into MISD buildings will have their temperatures checked daily. Those with 100 degree temps or more will be sent home.

Masks will be worn, social distancing required and PPE supplies are being ordered. Schools will be regularly deep-cleaned.

### Instruction

We repeatedly heard from area families that they would like to see some type of combination of in-person classes as

well as online learning. This approach will offer a sense of structure and normalcy for students and, at the same time, allow for several days of deep cleaning weekly.

### Technology Needs

We'll need to make sure all students have access to technology including Wi-Fi. We are working hard to make that happen.

### Personal Responsibility

While our schools are doing all they can to help keep everyone safe, the fight against COVID will only be won if each and every one of us follows CDC recommendations including wearing a mask, social distancing and frequent hand washing.

Thank you for your help and understanding as we navigate through this together.



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## Welcome new teachers & staff



A big welcome goes out to new MISD teachers and staff. If you have an opportunity to meet them, be sure to welcome them to the District:

### KPS

- **Melody Peterman:**  
Grade 1

- **Cameo Self:**  
Kindergarten
- **Patrick Rades:**  
Grade 5
- **Diane Burr:**  
Cross Categorical
- **Natasha Verhulst:** 4K-5 Music
- **Brittany Hawpetoss:**  
Custodian, KPS

### MIMS:

- **Bailey Fenendael:**  
Art Teacher

### MIHS

- **Nicole Koenig-Boivin:**  
English
- **Shari DeLisle:**  
Social Studies
- **Megan Willard:**  
Social Studies

## Fall Sports



Work is still underway to determine what fall sports might look like.

The WIAA recently announced that the start of seasons (meaning the first day of practice) for girls golf, girls tennis, girls swimming and diving and boys and girls cross country will be

on Aug. 17 and football, boys soccer and girls and boys volleyball will be able to start practices on Sept. 7.

However, it should be noted that each conference makes its own decision regarding games and scheduling. That discussion

is still underway for our conference, the Woodland onference.

Watch your school's Facebook page for the latest information and updates.

And just a quick reminder to be sure your student physical is up-to-date.

## Be Aware: COVID Scams



Scams are abundant these days, and scammers are taking advantage of the COVID-19 pandemic as well.

Everyone is asked to be aware of who and

what they are donating to and for.

A recent scam going around is asking for donations to provide masks to MISD students. This is NOT

affiliated with any of our schools. MISD will make masks available to students who do not have them at the start of the school year.

## Attendance Challenges & Solutions

We know that with everything going on in the world today, it can be challenging to even think about students returning to school.

But, regular attendance is more important than ever before; whether it's online or in the classroom instruction. A consistent and predictable routine

provides a sense of stability and structure for students. Plus, consistent attendance is a predictor of learning success.

Studies show that chronic absenteeism (missing 10% or more of school) generally leads to students not reading proficiently by 3rd grade, course failure in middle

school and dropping out in high school. No parent wants that for their child.

So this school year, it's OK to recognize there are challenges to the times we live in, but also recognize that encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most important things you can do for your child!



## A Different Type of Graduation

The end of the school year was anything but typical; and that also applied to this year's high school graduation.

Students came in their cars for a drive-through graduation ceremony. As each student's car arrived

at the circle drive in front of the high school, they were able to pick up their diploma and then exit.. School Board president David "Jonesy" Miller, MIHS principal Kate Mikle and MISD Superintendent Wendell Waukau were

there to verbally congratulate them.

While it was anything but a traditional graduation ceremony, it was a festive and fun time none-the-less.

Congrats to the class of 2020!



## Online Registration

It's that time of year again; time for online registration of your students. Please note that this must be done every year, so please take a few moments to go to the Facebook page for your child's school or the district website for information. If you need assistance, don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your help!





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30	31	Sept. 1: First Day of School / Soft Startup				