

MISD News & Notes

February 2021

School Year Changes



As the pandemic continues, MISD continues to assess and adapt its school models based on our COVID dashboard as well as information and meetings with our Emergency Pandemic Response Team.

As we shared in the last newsletter, teachers and staff returned to their buildings and resumed their regular

duties with the exception of the one day a week when the buildings are closed for deep cleaning. On Tuesday, January 19, the MISD school board approved changes to our education delivery that will result in more students returning to the classroom, while ensuring appropriate health and safety measures are taken.

In this newsletter we'll provide an overview of what's happening. As this is implemented, we

urge you to watch for information on our social media channels as well as from your child's school. As always, thank you for your input, your patience and understanding throughout the school year as we worked to adapt to the situation at hand. By keeping the best interests of our students in mind, which includes their health and safety, we're on the path to getting things "back to normal."

*Wendell Waukau
Superintendent*



MISD VISION
Enriching the lives
of our children
through education

Attendance Matters Now More Than Ever

It's been a school year filled with challenges for everyone. Now that students are back in the classroom, it's more important than ever to make sure your student attends classes each and every day. Let's get back on the track to success!

Make Note: Starting February 1

High School

Continues all virtual with DLSC available

Menominee Indian Middle School

Option of 100% virtual or Cohort (2 days in person). DLSC available

Keshena Primary School 4K—2nd Grade

Four days a week in person

Keshena Primary School Grades 3—5

Cohort model

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Why Choose MISD Schools?

There are so many reasons MISD schools should be your choice for your student:



There are many advantages to having your student attend an MISD school

- **Small class sizes.** Compared to many districts, MISD has smaller class sizes, so more individual attention can be given to students.
- **Dedicated and experienced teachers and staff.** They care about our students and encourage their success.
- **Technology.** MISD offers the latest in technology for students to use as part of their studies.
- **Menominee Indian language and culture.** It's embedded in everything we do; you won't find this anywhere else.
- **Advanced learning opportunities.** There are many opportunities for career and college exploration as well as earning college credits.
- **Health & Wellness Focus:** MISD has a wide variety of health and wellness initiatives and programs that provide important health services and encourage students to lead healthy lives.
- **Sports.** We offer a wide variety of sports that help students develop athletic and leadership skills as well as promote teamwork.

Keeping Everyone Safe & Healthy

Infection Control & Mitigation For In-Person Learning



COVID Testing & Vaccinations

- Temperature checks required
- Masks will be required
- If there is direct contact in a classroom with a positive person: Building administrator would contact student's guardian if they have contact with a COVID positive person.

Deep cleaning days / work from home days are moved to Fridays starting Feb. 5

COVID Testing: ThedaCare will be offering COVID tests at MISD. These tests are optional for students and staff. Those tested do not need to quarantine while waiting for results.

COVID Vaccination site at MIHS: We are working to have a COVID-19 Vaccination Site located at MIHS. Details will be announced soon so please watch for information from your child's school or social media channel.

Re-establish School Routines

With students heading back to the classroom, it's time to re-establish school routines that will help your child be successful. Here are a few tips:

- Regular and consistent times for going to bed and getting up in

the morning.

- Taking 10 minutes each night to prepare for the next day; whether that's assembling their book bag or getting clothes out and ready to go.
- Maintaining their virtual learning

study space so they have a place to do school work when they get home.

- Asking them each day to share what happened in school that day. You'll continue to feel connected to what they're doing and learning.



Sports Update

As students and teachers return to the classroom, basketball and wrestling will continue with updated COVID protocols in place, including:

- In person spectator attendance limited to 4 family members or friends of each athlete

- All persons in attendance must wear a mask at all times and socially distance in the stands
- Temperature checks and verification forms required for all
- No locker rooms will be used and no

concessions offered

- Restrooms will be open and sanitized periodically

We know it will be different, but our student athletes will appreciate having fans in the stands once again!



*Looking ahead:
Volleyball will begin
March 1*

School Board Election

As you're planning ahead, take note of the upcoming MISD school board election, taking place on **April 6, 2021**. Two MISD School Board seats will be decided:

- Neopit Area: The incumbent is Nanette Corn
- South Branch: The incumbent is Karen Washinawatok

Both seats are three year terms.

Please remember to vote; it's a right as well as a responsibility. Thank you!





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 School Board mtg. @5 p.m.	2	3	4	5 Schools closed for deep cleaning	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Schools closed for deep cleaning	13
14	15 President's Day: No School.	16 School Bd. mtg. @5 p.m.	17	18	19 Schools closed for deep cleaning	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Schools closed for deep cleaning	27
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