

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MT. VERNON

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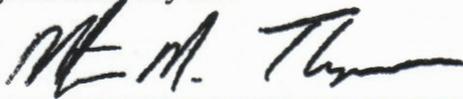
Dear Parents,

Although these times are unprecedented, rest assured that MSDMV teachers and staff have been planning for the upcoming school year. Teachers received Google Classroom training over the last several months to be ready for what lies ahead. All MSDMV teachers will use Google Classroom beginning the first day of school, and students will be issued a device making it easier to receive instruction during necessary eLearning days.

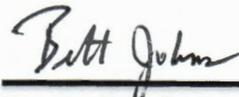
As in the past, students in grades 6-12 will bring their devices home daily. Our K-5 students will keep their devices in the classroom, except in times of school closure, resulting in eLearning days. We will have a few practice days for the elementary students to take their device home in order to prepare for possible closures. We will post "how to" documents on our website and send home information regarding Google Classroom and other tools used for eLearning days. Those wishing to receive paper packets may request that to their teacher prior to the eLearning day.

We will provide a virtual option for those not ready to return to traditional school. Grades K-5 will participate in Google Classroom with a MSDMV grade level teacher. Families who wish to choose this option will commit to virtual school for 9 weeks at a time. Students will receive lessons and appropriate work daily. Grades 6-12 will participate in the APEX Learning program and commit to a semester of virtual instruction. Students attending virtually will not participate in extracurricular activities while they are enrolled in a virtual program.

While we're ready and excited to educate students in person, we feel it is important to offer options for parents. To plan accordingly, we ask that you take a brief phone survey later this week to help us plan ahead. Thank you for your assistance in preparing for a great school year.



Dr. Matt Thompson
Superintendent of Schools



Dr. Beth Johns
Director of Curriculum, Grants, and Testing