

Dear MCS Families,

This email provides an update regarding our attendance-related awards and incentives, given the ongoing developments with COVID-19.

As we have expressed throughout this situation, our decisions and protocols regarding COVID-19 follow recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Cobb & Douglas Public Health (CDPH). We will continue to monitor and defer to experts and align our protocols to their most recent recommendations.

To that end, tonight the CDPH made a formal recommendation that school districts discontinue attendance incentives and awards (as of today, March 9, 2020). Their logic is simple: they would prefer students seek medical attention for fever or flu-like symptoms, rather than push through an illness to maintain their perfect attendance or high school exam exemption.

Based upon this new CDPH recommendation, any student who is seeking a perfect attendance award will not have absences between March 9 and the end of the school year counted against them. Additionally, Marietta High School's final exam exemption policy will only count absences accumulated between January 8, 2020 through March 6, 2020. All other final exam exemption criteria will remain the same.

Please be assured that we are committed to the health and safety of our students and staff, and we are equally committed to communicating with our families in as timely a manner as possible.

Sincerely,
Grant

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