

Dear MCS Staff and Families,

I wanted to provide the latest update regarding COVID-19 and its impact on Marietta City Schools. As a reminder, this email and all previous communications are posted at www.marietta-city.org/coronavirus.

Co-curricular Events

All MCS school-sponsored co-curricular events (outside the normal school day) are being reviewed on a case-by-case basis in collaboration with MCS principals. Examples of such events include but are not limited to athletic competitions, fine arts performances, and special night events/meetings. Please know each event will be evaluated based on documented risks (per CDC and Cobb & Douglas Public Health input), size and nature of the event, and the potential impact on the school.

Field Trips

All school-sponsored field trips for the remainder of the year will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Should a family wish for their student not to participate in a school-sponsored field trip, please communicate with your school's administrator or the trip's point of contact. If we receive new directives concerning trips and local travel, we will update all staff and families.

Meals During a Closure

One of our immediate concerns is making sure our students stay fed in the event of a school closure. Our MCS School Nutrition and Transportation Departments have developed a comprehensive plan to deliver lunch and snacks to students at 81 specific stops across 18 different routes throughout our district. As we focus on the safety and well-being of our students, providing a healthy meal is a top priority.

Continuity of Learning

As referenced in previous communication, this past school year we launched Schoology, an online portal where teachers can provide learning resources for students. If you have not done so already, we encourage you to use your parent or student log-in **now** to ensure you know how to access Schoology. We will be resending these log-in details to all families via email on Thursday, March 12. If you need additional assistance in accessing Schoology, please email schoologysupport@marietta-city.k12.ga.us. For students who may not have access to home technology, our schools will be prepared to offer additional resources and support.

Ongoing Monitoring

We continue to rely on the guidance and recommendations of the CDC and Cobb & Douglas Public Health, and we are in regular contact with neighboring school districts. While we are actively preparing for the possibility that one or more of our MCS schools could be closed for some period of time, we also acknowledge the degree of disruption this would cause for our staff and families. I assure you that we understand the gravity of such decisions and will be as coordinated, transparent, and proactive as possible as we navigate this most unique situation.

In closing, please know that while our district focus is on the health and safety of our entire school community, we ultimately trust your judgment regarding what is best for your children and family, given your specific circumstances. We will honor the decisions you make for your family and value the partnership we have with you.

Sincerely,
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