

May 8,

Dear MCS Families and Staff,

Though I can see the light at the end of the tunnel, I don't know exactly where this tunnel is going. What I do know is that in just two weeks, we will conclude our "normal" school year on May 22. I continue to be grateful for all that each of you have done to support your student and our teachers and get us to the end of this tunnel.

As I have done each week during the closure, here are a few short updates and reminders.

Summer Camps (Age 4-14)

With guidance from Cobb & Douglas Public Health (CDPH), we canceled our June Marietta Community School summer camps. If it is safe to do so, we intend to resume our summer camp schedule in July. In preparation for the July camps, we are engaging with various state and national agencies that have expertise in summer camps, and we will continue to follow safety guidelines from CDPH. If you are interested in July summer camps, please use [this link](#) for more information and to register.

Access to Technology

Next Wednesday, May 13, is our last technology distribution day. If your student still needs a Chromebook or hotspot, please come to the MCS Central Office (250 Howard Street) on May 13 between 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. After this day, technology support will still be available through techhelp@marietta-city.org, but devices will not be available for pickup. If your student is registered for our summer virtual learning program, it is especially important that you pick up a device if one is needed.

Family Feedback

As I mentioned last week, we want to learn from this experience: what worked well and what could be improved. Thank you to the families who have signed up for a Zoom session, completed our survey, or sent an email to me. If you would like to share your thoughts about your student's and your family's experience with digital learning during the MCS closure, I welcome the opportunity to hear from you.

Families may provide feedback in one of three ways (choose the one that is best for you):

1. Small-group Zoom call: Join me for a Zoom session where I will respond to your questions and suggestions. Use [this link](#) for details and to reserve your spot in a session. Participants will be grouped by level (elementary, middle, and high school) and limited to 40 participants per session.
2. Survey: A three-question open-ended survey that gives you a chance to quickly tell me what you liked and how we can do better. The survey will be open until Friday, May 22 at 6:00 p.m. and can be accessed through [this link](#).
3. Email: If you prefer to simply send an email – superintendent@marietta-city.k12.ga.us. Tell me whatever is important to you.

In closing, I want to acknowledge the conversation that is occurring in many MCS homes (including my own): what will school look like in the fall? While I don't have a crystal ball, I do want to assure you that MCS is working hard to be prepared for when that day comes. We are in regular collaboration with the Georgia Department of Education, CPDH, and metro-Atlanta superintendents. I understand the importance of schools being open in the fall; I also acknowledge the magnitude of prioritizing our students' health and safety in making such decisions.

Until then, please know that we will work to continue to support each student and every family.

In this together,

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