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Dear MCS Parents and Guardians,

As you know, due to the Coronavirus, our schools will be closed from March 19 through April 5 (we will update you in early April if the closure timeframe is extended). As a result of these unprecedented times, we are providing students with distance learning options, including educational resources and practice exercises.

Outlined below, you will see details for Phase I of our distance learning options, which will continue through April 5. District staff will also continue to work on developing additional materials for future use, if the school closure period is extended beyond the April 5 date.

All grade levels TK-12:

- Practice exercises will involve concepts and skills that have already been taught in the classroom.
- Students' work will not be collected, graded or recorded by teachers.
- Upon return, students will not be required to take exams involving these practice exercises.
- For those with internet access, educational resources will be available by grade level on the [District website](#).
- For those without internet access, or for those who prefer printed materials, hard-copy practice packets will be available at all meal pick up locations and at the District Office located at 426 Locust Street, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Specific to grades 7-12:

- Teachers may provide students with the opportunity to improve their grade by completing a missed assignment or "re-doing" past assignments. Students will need to reach out to their teacher regarding their make-up policy.
- The distribution and collection of the make-up work should be conducted through digital means. If there is a need for materials to be distributed and/or collected outside of the digital format, contact the District's Curriculum and Instruction & Professional Development Department at (209) 574-1502 or CIPD@mcs4kids.com.
- Students in grades 7-12 may have additional resources and materials on Schoology.

We will continue to make every effort to communicate and update information in a timely fashion. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work together through this difficult and uncertain time. For additional information, please look for an FAQ in the coming days. You may also call (209) 574-1502 or email your questions to CIPD@mcs4kids.com.

Sincerely,

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