

Update to MUASD families:

Thank you to those families who participated in our parent return-to-school survey. We received 702 responses. Of those 702 responses, 489 or 70% percent of our parents participating chose 100% in-person instruction as their preferred instructional model.

We also conducted a staff survey in which 141 MUASD staff members participated. Sixty-three percent of those responding indicated that their first choice of instructional model is the in-person model.

We do value your opinions and respect your needs and concerns. We will be submitting a revised reopening plan to the Board of Directors tonight. The administration continues to recommend 100% Face-to-Face instruction with a remote option for those families who would like to elect that option. We strongly believe that we can provide the best education to students in a face-to-face model. We also understand the burden the other instructional models can place on parents.

Please note the following updates that have happened since our last vote:

1. Pennsylvania has now mandated that students wear masks or face coverings at all times. Please understand that MUASD has no control over these mandates. We will provide ten-minute mask breaks as allowed by the mandate.
  - a. Students who are unable to wear a face covering due to a medical or mental health condition or disability will need to provide medical documentation. We will work with parents to meet students' needs.
  
2. Remote Learning Option
  - a. Students will need to log in at the time of the class to watch the instruction and receive assignments. Lessons will not be recorded due to concerns regarding misuse of those recordings. This is the one change. We had previously shared with parents that our plan was to have recordings of the lessons for remote students. This will not be the case. Remote students will need to log in for the live instruction.
  - b. MUASD will provide devices to those students who need them. A form assuming responsibility for the device will be signed by the parent.
  - c. Remote students will be provided with textbooks and workbooks that will be needed for their classes. These books will be signed out and returned at the end of the year.
  - d. Students will need to log on to Microsoft Teams to access the lessons and work.
  - e. Attendance will be tracked just as it is for in-person students. We must report attendance for all students.
  - f. Students will need to complete all assignments and submit by the same due date as in-person students.
  - g. Students will need internet service in order to participate in the remote option.
  - h. We STRONGLY SUGGEST that any student with an IEP or receiving specialized services attend school in-person unless it is not possible due to individual health needs.

We would like to thank all MUASD families for entrusting us with your child's education. MUASD is committed to providing the best possible education for all our students. We look forward to welcoming your children to the 2020-2021 school year. We will provide an update after the official vote has taken place.