

December 11, 2020

Good Afternoon Tilden Family:

We made it to yet another Friday, and next week, teachers will be submitting interim reports. Students who need support with their assignments are encouraged to reach out to their teachers via email and schedule a time to meet. Students who are struggling emotionally should email their counselors right away. Most importantly, everyone should step away from their screens this weekend to get some fresh air and sunshine.

Calendar

- December 14-18 will be a regular A/B week.

Phase 1 Reopening

- The Board of Education will be meeting on December 15th to determine if Phase 1 students who opted to come back through the parent survey will be returning to school. Students in our Learning For Independence Program are scheduled to return for in-person instruction on January 25th and 6th grade students are expected to return on February 1st.
- When we come back to school after winter break, I will be sharing with you the parameters of our Phase 1 Reopening Plan.
- I will also be answering questions regarding the reopening at the PTSA meeting on January 12th.
- It is going to be critical for students and parents to understand that the in-person experience will not resemble a traditional school environment, even though students will be in the building. As expected, we will need to have extensive procedures in place to keep everyone safe. I will share all the details with you in January.

County Grading and Assignment Updates

- MCPS has provided schools with additional flexibility when it comes to grading and reporting, assignment submissions, and assessments.
- As always, our goal is to engage students academically, and at the same time create a supportive learning environment during these unprecedented times. We are not dealing with traditional schooling; hence, flexibility and creativity are essential.
- Attached is a video that explains all the upgrades and expectations. You will notice immediately that all the changes have been put in place to support our students and help them experience academic success. That being said, students need to keep up with their assignments, as we all know that prolonged procrastination only leads to unnecessary stress. Here is the video, which will be posted on our website on Monday morning:

<https://prezi.com/v/tgq50btbq1ua/>

If you have any questions regarding the presentation, please reach out to your child's grade-level administrator.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Warmest Regards,
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