



Mountain Lakes School District

Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent Update
Tuesday, September 8, 2020



First Day of School!

Welcome Back Students & Staff:

Wildwood

Lake Drive

Briarcliff

MLHS



Covid Questionnaire

Question #1: Are you, your child or anyone in your household experiencing any NEW (within 24-48 hours) or sudden symptoms of cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, muscle aches, headache, fever or vomiting/diarrhea?)

Why are we mainly concerned about new or sudden symptoms? This “new” is to differentiate from those that may have a chronic condition like an allergy and may have a cough and runny nose or have asthma requiring a treatment to be given during the school day or has remnants of a cold they are recovering from. A new cough would be of concern.



Covid Questionnaire (cont'd)

Question #2: Have you, your child or anyone in your household been in close proximity (6 feet for 10 minutes or more) of a person with confirmed COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

What if the family member is a physician or nurse who treats COVID patients? Can we add an asterisk to that question and make note of some exceptions? Yes we can add an asterisk *"This excludes those household members working as healthcare providers who may come in contact with COVID 19 patients while in PPE."*



Covid Questionnaire (cont'd)

Question #3: Have you, your child or anyone in your household been tested for COVID-19 and are waiting to receive test results? If yes, do NOT bring your child or children to school. Contact your school nurse or building principal immediately.



Covid Questionnaire (cont'd)

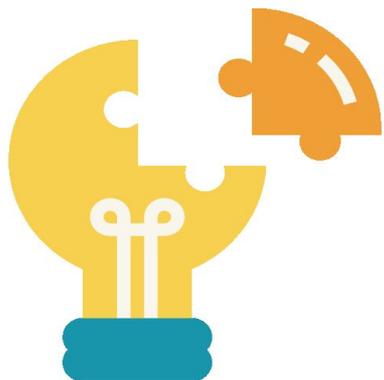
Question #4: In the past 14 days, have you, your child or anyone in your household been on a commercial flight, or traveled outside of the United States, or to any travel restricted state and remained there for greater than 48 hours?

Is the clause "remained there for greater than 48 hours" a CDC guideline? Also, does this question relate to ANY mode of transportation (e.g care, train, etc.)? At the time there was an asterisk on travel from the state relative to layover flights and length of stay in a restricted state requiring quarantine. The state said layovers of less than 48 hours did not need to be quarantined. A proposed new statement can read, "only those people traveling to the restricted state are advised to quarantine only if travel was not for business." Business travel is exempt from quarantine. And only the person traveling needs to quarantine from their household members.



MLHS Assistant Principal Search Update

- Close to 200 applicants
 - Mr. Rick Mangili (our new MLHS principal) will be involved in the process.
 - Proposed recommendation will be made at the Monday, September 21, 2020 Board Meeting.
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Technology Update

Chromebooks: Distributed to students across the district (K-12) to ensure connectivity. This will guarantee a 1:1 environment moving forward (between school issued devices and personal devices used by students).

Second Monitors: Arrived! In process of addressing the logistics to set up them up in the classrooms.

Cameras: Still awaiting cameras for teacher devices.

Bandwidth: In the process of expanding bandwidth from 2 GB to 10 GB. This will eliminate any streaming related limitations. In addition, all students will be able to utilize personal devices in all our classes, which in turn will enhance interaction between the various learning groups (hybrid and full remote students).

Virtual Desktop: In the early stages of this process.



Clever Portal

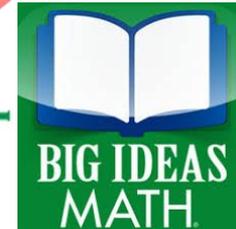
One of the key areas of feedback we received from parents over the summer was the need to streamline student access to the multiple applications used in school.

Clever is a login platform that uses your child's school Gmail account to allow your child to log in to a variety of apps frequently used in school. Most of your child's digital resources will be available on the Clever portal. Most importantly, Clever will eliminate the need to remember multiple usernames and passwords!



District Aligned Learning Platforms

The MLSD secured numerous learning platforms to support instruction and student learning. These platforms are aligned across grade levels/departments.





Professional Development

Partnered with IDE Corp: (Hybrid Learning)

- August 17th- 20th: 4 Day Hybrid Learning PD (20+ teachers from Briarcliff and MLHS)
- September 3rd: 50+ teachers (Across the district)

In District PD Days: September 1st & 2nd

- Turn key training from our experienced teachers.
 - Specialized training from companies (IXL & Big Ideas).
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Curriculum Update

Curriculum was written for over 40 courses this summer.

Courses extended across all grade levels and departments.

Will be shared at the October 5th Board meeting.

Foundations of Art
Art Portfolio Development
2 D Art 1 &2
3 D Art 1 & 2
Digital Media Art
Foods/Nutrition
Fashion & Image

Band
Chorus
Contemporary Chemistry
Honors Chemistry
Environmental and Sustainability
Human Anatomy and Physiology
College Prep Biology

THANK YOU!

Algebra 1
Math 6
Pre-AP Calculus
Pre-calculus Honors
Math 7 / Math 7 Accelerated
Math 8
Honors Abstract and Linear Algebra
MLHS Choir
Freshman Choir
Chamber Choir
Music Production
Chamber Orchestra

College Prep Physics
Honors Biology
Contemporary Biology
World Cultures
Elementary Spanish
French II
6th Grade French Spanish
Latin II
Latin I
Spanish Conversation and Culture
Honors French 4
AP Research

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