



# Manchester Community Schools

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Good Evening Manchester Community Schools,

I hope all is safe and well with all of you and your families!

As we continue to navigate through these unprecedented times and continue our planning for the 2020-2021 School Year in the Manchester Community Schools, we offer our Connected Learning update and options for our families for the Fall of 2020. Remembering that we are trying to educate our students within a public health crisis during the COVID-19 global pandemic while keeping our students, families, and staff safe and healthy, we are trying to offer each family the choice of learning model that works best for them and their physical and social-emotional well-being.

We thank all of you who participated in our various community input opportunities during the last several weeks including our Return to School Roadmap Summer Survey, our Facebook Live session, our Google Meet Community Input and Work Session, and the myriad of telephone calls and e-mail communications that you have shared with us regarding our Fall of 2020 school planning and your thoughts on the challenging times ahead. It will take all of us working together to get through these difficult times, but I know that our great community will be stronger for it as we continue to show the love and support needed for our students and our children.

Using the [MI Safe Schools: Michigan's 2020-21 Return to School Roadmap](#) requirements and recommendations, the [MI SAFE START PLAN](#) phases and requirements, the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) guidelines and recommendations, and our partnership and data tracking with [The Washtenaw County Health Department](#) , we continue to monitor our Return to School models in the six phases of the MI SAFE START PLAN (Phases 1-3 being All-Virtual Instruction with our school buildings being closed, and Phases 4-6 which allow for In-Person, as well as Virtual, Remote Instruction).

Please review the accompanying document with this communication titled **Manchester Community Schools 2020-2021 Return to School - Connected Learning Plan** and have the important and meaningful conversation with your student and within your family regarding the choice of instructional delivery that will work best for you and your family. We will be sending out our **Fall of 2020-2021 Family Choice Survey** this **Tuesday, August 4, 2020** asking all of our families to make their choice of instruction, either In-Person or Remote Learning, by the end of the day on **Tuesday, August 11, 2020** to enable the Manchester Community Schools staff the

appropriate amount of time to continue their planning and preparation for the upcoming school year.

Also, join me this **Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m via Facebook Live** as I share more details regarding the features of the two learning options and highlight the myriad of safety protocols that we are implementing for our **Manchester Community Schools COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan** that we will be presenting to our Manchester Board of Education on **Monday, August 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** for review and potential approval.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this information-share and update.

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