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Shaping Our Future Together

Hello MAUSD Community,

I hope this message finds you healthy and coping with the challenges created by COVID-19. At the risk of sounding like a broken record I want to express how proud I am of the MAUSD faculty, staff and community for rallying together to support our students, families and community. It has now been two weeks since students were physically present in our school buildings. In this time we have mobilized our food service program to feed any child under age eighteen living in our five towns, created a remote learning environment for our students, and created a childcare center to serve our five towns and several neighboring towns. We did this all while ensuring our buildings are sanitized and staff and children are properly screened for everyone's health and safety. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in making this happen!

We have learned a lot about how to make our practices safer and more efficient as we have rolled out these new approaches. Rest assured we will continue to learn and grow as we support our students and our community through the end of the school year. In light of the directive from the Governor's office that students will not return to school this year and with guidance from the Agency of Education, MAUSD will be transitioning from maintenance of skills to continuation of learning. This means students will be asked to transition from solidifying their understanding of material they previously received instruction on to receiving instruction on new material. We expect instruction on new material to begin no later than April 13. Work is currently underway to prepare for this transition, including plans for supporting students who struggle.

I want to close by acknowledging the efforts of our families. These are challenging times and families throughout our MAUSD community are being asked to do many things. As you juggle working from home, stretching your dollars, keeping everyone healthy and ensuring your children tend to their schoolwork, please know everyone here at MAUSD is here to help. As MAUSD faculty and staff reach out to families please don't hesitate to let them know what might be getting in the way for you to support your children during these challenging times. Together we can work to make sure every child has the support they need. Thank you for all you are doing!

Respectfully,

Patrick J. Reen
Superintendent