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Saturday, March 14, 2020

Dear Parents,

We have prepared online learning opportunities for your child/children to continue making academic progress while our school system complies with Governor Kay Ivey's mandated closure of all K-12 Public Schools. The mandate will be enforced beginning March 19 and tentatively through April 5, 2020. The online assignments provided to students will cover skills they have been taught this school year. While online learning assignments will not be graded, it is important to encourage your children to complete the class assignments provided to them.

Assignments, codes and instructions to access online learning will be provided to your child by his or her homeroom teacher. We will have information related to online learning as well as links to print copies of assignments posted on our website at <https://www.mcps.com/coronavirus>. If you need technical assistance, please contact our hotline at (251) 221-7777 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 4:30 PM. The hotline can assist you with username/password issues, explaining the resources and any assignment with iReady or Nearpod.

If you do not have access to online learning, please pick up a packet from your child's school between Monday March 16, 2020 and Friday, **March 20, 2020** at 3:00 PM.

Please review the information below to help your child maintain the learning that has already occurred this school year.

Kindergarten – 5th grade

- **30 minutes per day iReady Reading, 30 minutes per day iReady Math**
- Learning Games in the iReady platform are an excellent to motivate your child to enhance their skills
- 1 hour of reading (read to, read with or read independently)
- Check out our mcpsTV available on Comcast, AT&T Uverse On Demand, Mediacom, and Roku boxes for information and programs.

6th grade – 8th grade

- **30 minutes per day iReady Reading; 30 minutes per day iReady Math**
- 1 hour of reading (read to, read with or read independently)
- Students in advanced classes will receive an enrichment through Khan Academy www.khanacademy.org or Discovery Education <http://mcps.discoveryeducation.com>



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- Learning Games in the iReady platform are an excellent resource to motivate your children to enhance their skills.

9th grade – 12th grade

- Lessons are being prepared using a variety of platforms, such as Nearpod www.nearpod.com, Khan Academy www.khanacademy.org and Discovery Education <http://mcps.discoveryeducation.com>.
- **Early College** (University of Alabama): Early College dual enrollment students will continue coursework through online instruction with your college professors.
- **Dual Enrollment** (Bishop State and USA): Students enrolled in a dual enrollment course at their school will receive instruction online, created by their teachers, through Nearpod, Google Classroom, or Moodle lessons in conjunction with the Canvas LMS system. Parent and student instructions to access online instruction and Nearpod codes will be sent home with the students prior to dismissal.
- **Envision Virtual Academy**: Students enrolled in courses with Envision Virtual Academy will continue with ACCESS and/or Connexus courses based on the prescribed pacing guide in the courses. Students enrolled in Connexus will be given access to additional lessons beyond their unit tests so coursework can continue progress while students wait to be tested. Envision students will receive instruction sheets with username and login information for each course. Tutoring may occur through lessons created in Nearpod and Google Classroom. Assessments for Access and Connexus courses will be administered at Central Office, when school resumes.

Sincerely,
Chresal Threadgill

Superintendent Mobile County Public School System