

August 5, 2020

Re: Reopening of MTCHS for the 2020-2021 School Year

MTCHS Parents and Students,

I know that you have all been anticipating information regarding the reopening of schools and specifically how that relates to MTCHS. I want to assure you that those thoughts and uncertainties are also shared by all staff, administration, and the Board of Directors for MTCHS. I believe that as a school-community we need to do everything that we can to get kids back to school. It is critical to all students' futures that they resume in person learning in a safe and caring environment. The decision to hold off on frequent communication was based on the daily changing criteria, COVID-19 status in the community, lack of independent control, and not wanting to add to the confusion of competing information. This email is simply meant to inform you of the direction that we see MTCHS for the very beginning of the year. Detailed plans and processes will be communicated soon including information on registration, device pickup and orientation. We anticipate holding this the week of August 31- September 4.

Current status: **MTCHS will start on Tuesday September 8.** Last night the West Ada board changed the school calendar and delayed our start date. That board will meet and decide the mode (remote or in-person) of learning on August 25th. This will inform us on their ability to transport students to/from MTCHS. We are legally obligated to provide all our students equal access to MTCHS educational services and that is done through our long standing transportation contracts with the WASD. Our charter does not and can not operate on a self-transport basis.

The week prior to Sept 8th there will be scheduled device pickup and student orientation. There will also be an updated calendar coming soon (after August 17th) . We will continually reevaluate our options as they are presented. We are going to start learning 5 days a week whether online or in person. I anticipate that we will not start with every student physically present everyday, but in a blended model of students attending two days a week. However, that is yet to be decided.

Future status: When WASD begins transporting students, MTCHS will then be in the position to decide when to resume classes and the model, modes and frequency of attendance. Like other schools we will be following the Red, Yellow, Green Framework from the State Department of Education.

Please feel free to ask questions and check email and the school website for updates.

Kind Regards,
Randy Yadon
Principal