



December 2, 2021

Good Morning, MRH Families:

I hope that fall break afforded your learners the opportunity to rest and recharge as we wrap up the final few weeks before winter break. Our staff returned from fall break rejuvenated and excited to welcome our students back into our school communities. Thank you for your grace and support regarding the two additional days off from school. They were beneficial to both students and staff.

While our community continues to band together to support our students and families during the pandemic, we are watching yet another act of school violence in Michigan. As we reflect upon this tragedy, be reminded of the impact of early intervention and prevention for our learners. I mourn with the families and the school community in Michigan as they grapple with the grief of losing a loved one. We commit daily to maintaining the safety and well-being of our entire MRH community. Below I am also including several important updates for your review.

- The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) released [data](#) from the Spring 2021 assessment program.
- A Town Hall meeting will be held to discuss regional and local bus driver shortages and the district's plan to address transportation concerns. Additional information is forthcoming regarding the date and time of the meeting.
- Regionally and locally we are observing an increase in the positivity rates for COVID-19. Please continue to screen your child(ren) daily and keep them home if they are not well or displaying COVID like symptoms.
- The district is exploring Test to Stay options through a partnership with an external organization. An update will be provided to families within the next week.

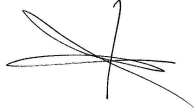
Lastly, I simply want to say thank you again for all that you do for your children and our schools. We have worked diligently every day to support our families and staff to get back to a sense of normalcy while recognizing this moment in history as a critical time to make important and innovative changes that better address our students' needs. We could not do this work without your partnership, and I am immensely grateful for the trust you have put in the MRH Board of Education and in me.

In partnership,



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