



Friday, August 23, 2019

Marshall Public School Families,

I hope the summer months went well for you and your family. I have information about e-Learning days that I would like to share with you and that I would ask you to make note of.

MPS will now be able to offer e-Learning Days for students this school year. You may be asking what this means for your family. When we have weather-related school cancellations, instructional time is lost, and the momentum in classrooms slows down. We believe that while e-Learning days cannot replace the face-to-face time students have with their teachers and peers, these days provide better continuity of learning when school is interrupted.

The Minnesota Department of Education approved this e-Learning opportunity to use, if needed, for days missed due to inclement weather. We want to ensure that we are educating all our students with real-time, up-to-date content. For the 2019-2020 school year, the School Board approved us using up to 5 e-Learning Days.

These days will be announced using the same communication methods we use for school cancellation (phone, text, website, etc.). Teachers will be preparing for these days starting this fall and will communicate specific expectations with your child and with you. Teachers will be available from 10:00 am-11:30 am and from 12:30-3:00 pm on an e-Learning day. Additional information about e-Learning Days at Marshall Public Schools can be found on the District website, which is [www.marshall.k12.mn.us](http://www.marshall.k12.mn.us).

Because of several factors, not every canceled [snow] day will be an e-Learning day – some snow days may be made up, while others may be an e-Learning day. We know this is different than a traditional day of school, but we believe we can use e-Learning days to continue offering each of our students a positive learning experience, even when we are unable to have classes.

If you have any questions about this, feel free to contact your child's building principal. We appreciate your cooperation and support sharing in your student's educational success. Again, thank you for your continued support of our school district.

In education,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott J. Monson".

Scott J. Monson, Superintendent