MIPS Impact, Enrollment update, and Guidance Document for COVID-19

The leadership team at MIPS has been monitoring the impact that the COVID-19 virus is having on our communities. As a state-wide cyber school, our ability to continue learning will be minimally impacted by the closures that you may see in your community. However, it is imperative that we are making wise decisions in the interest of the health of our students, families, and staff members. Therefore, based on the information we are receiving from the State of Michigan, MIPS has decided to temporarily close all drop-in learning labs, effective Friday, March 13, 2020. Our leadership team will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation to determine the best time to reopen our learning labs.

The MIPS staff will continue working and teaching remotely effective immediately. All mentors and teachers will continue to be available from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday. As each of you know, your mentors and teachers still attempt to be responsive to your communications after 3:00 pm. However, communication after 3:00 pm may be delayed as our staff is encouraged to enjoy evenings with their families.

Since all of your schoolwork is online, we encourage continued efforts in your classes. If there are any issues related to technology during this time, please reach out to our technical team at tech@miprepschool.org or by submitting a help-ticket.

How this impacts MIPS students and staff

- All MIPS learning labs are closed beginning March 13, 2020.
 - We will be monitoring guidance from the State and local health departments to determine the best time to reopen the labs.
- Staff will be working remotely, supporting students as they normally do between the hours of 8 and 3.
- All coursework will continue as usual.

New Enrollments

As of March 12, 2020, we will no longer be enrolling students for the 2019-2020 school year. However, we are now accepting short application requests for next fall through our website, and our enrollment will reach out to any potential applicants as soon as Fall enrollment opens. Enrollment for Fall 2020 will open on **April 15, 2020.**

Guidance from the MDHHS

The Governor's office along with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) <u>provided guidance for all schools</u> to slow the transmission of <u>coronavirus disease</u> <u>2019 (COVID-19)</u> in Michigan.

Information about this outbreak is changing rapidly. You can stay informed by regularly visiting Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.