



April 4, 2020

Dear Members,

We hope that things are going well with you and your families. As we move into our 4th week we would like to provide you with our weekly update. We are sure that many of you were saddened to hear that our students will not be returning to school for the remainder of this school year. Also, as we all move forward with distance learning, which is a new territory for all of us, we have many new challenges that compound our situation. Many of you have expressed your concerns and frustrations. We hope that the actions that we take on your behalf will help to make your burden lighter.

1. MOU Update

Although many changes have been made in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we have not given up our rights to bargain, therefore your MVTA Executive Board, Bargaining Team members and Christian our CTA staff representative have crafted an MOU regarding many areas of concern to our members. Items addressed by other local school districts as well as CTA recommendations were considered when the MVTA MOU was drafted. The MOU was completed and submitted to the District on Friday, April 3, 2020. We are currently awaiting a response from the District and will keep you posted on our progress.

2. Device Distribution Update

The district received over 3,000 requests for devices. A great majority of which have been sanitized, packaged and labeled with each student's name for easier distribution. The distribution will begin on Monday, April 6, 2020, by appointment only. No walk-ups will be honored. The devices will be distributed in 8 sessions over 8 days at more than one school site per day, including Spring Break. Soon after, the district will reopen the parent request for devices and continue this process until all student and family needs are met. As you communicate with your parents, please share this information and let them know that they can check on their school website for updates on the next round of sign-ups.

3. Spring Break

Our Spring Break is coming up this Friday. Relax and enjoy your time off with your loved ones. Remember, from April 10 – April 20, you are not required to do any work, nor perform your work duties. Please keep in mind that 12 month employees are still on their regular schedule and after taking Good Friday off, they will continue working April 13 – April 18.

We are all in this together, stay strong and be safe.

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