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Valley Jr./Sr. High School  
Grades 5-8 & 9-12  
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Oct 14, 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

Beginning on Nov 2nd MSAD 13 will be offering free lunch and breakfast to all students. Your child/ren will order lunch and/or breakfast each day in their homeroom. Lunch will be served in the classrooms and breakfast will be sent home at the end of the school day for the next morning.

If MSAD 13 moves to distant learning the district will deliver meals. This will occur only if the kitchen staff and bus drivers are able to continue to work during MSAD 13's distance learning phase.

MSAD 13 has received Corona Virus Relief Funds (CRF) totaling \$489,658.98. The expenditures from these funds must be due to the virus and not an expense that has been budgeted for. The first round of funding was \$237,715.98 which was used for the following:

- update the HVAC system at Valley Jr/Sr High School – brings outside air into all classrooms
- 13 new windows at Moscow Elementary
- Stage Floor replaced at Valley
- Water bottle fillers in both schools
- Technology – Smartboards and Apple TVs to assist with remote/distance learning
- Instructional supplies so students do not have to share supplies
- Health items

Round 2 CRF purchases:

- Grade 3 laptops
- Pk-Grade 2 iPads
- Sinks added in 3 Moscow Elementary Classrooms
- Tractor and Trailer – for removing snow from in front of the outside air vents at both schools
- Additional bus for transporting students
- 7 Passenger van for transporting students and/or staff if they become ill with COVID-19 like symptoms
- New phone system to allow staff to access the system when/if the district moves to remote/distance learning – this will allow better communication with students and parents

I want to thank you for your patience as the district has continued to work to improve our processes for students' arrival and dismissal from school. We are continuing to work on the schedules and make necessary adjustments to better meet the students' and parents' needs. It has not been easy to develop a schedule that meets everyone needs but your cooperation has made it doable.

Your children have been in school for over a month. The requirements for schools continue to change depending on what is occurring with COVID-19. MSAD 13's plan is to continue with in-person learning until we can't be due to the number of COVID-19 diagnoses in our schools and/or communities. When it becomes necessary the district or individual school will move to distance learning. The district's expectations for students during distance learning times will be different than last spring. The district will be taking attendance and regular grading policies will be in place.

Please contact me if you have any questions at [sandra.macarthur@sad13.org](mailto:sandra.macarthur@sad13.org) or 672-5502.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra J. MacArthur".

Sandra J MacArthur  
Superintendent of Schools