

## **Maple Lake Public Schools Distance Learning Plan – March 26, 2020**

On March 15, Governor Tim Walz and Education Commissioner Mary Cathryn Ricker announced that all Minnesota public schools would be closed to students through March 27 to allow school districts time to develop distance learning plans to use during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) distance learning definition states, “Students engaging in distance learning have access to appropriate educational materials and receive daily interaction with their licensed teacher(s).” On March 25, Governor Walz and Education Commissioner Ricker directed school districts to use their Distance Learning Plans from March 30 through April 30. The following is Maple Lake Public Schools’ Distance Learning Plan.

### **General Description of Services**

Maple Lake Public Schools will address a number student and family needs through our Distance Learning Plan. Maple Lake Elementary and Maple Lake High School will provide learning opportunities through distance learning. Our schools are working with our food service department and M&M Transportation to deliver meals to children age 18 and under at no cost. Maple Lake Public Schools is also providing childcare for emergency workers and essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Delivery of Instruction**

Maple Lake Elementary and Maple Lake High School will provide distance learning opportunities so our students continue to grow academically. In addition to our textbooks and learning materials, we will be using web-based products Seesaw Learning Portfolios for grades pre-K through 2 and Google Classroom for grades 3-12. Paper learning materials will be delivered to students who do not have access to the internet through the U.S. Mail. Please click on the appropriate link to access the distance learning information for Maple Lake Elementary School or Maple Lake High School. Our staff has done an incredible job preparing our plan, but we recognize that we may encounter challenges as we roll out this new approach. We will be patient and supportive, so please contact your teacher or principal and let us know if we can assist you.

[Maple Lake Elementary](#)

[Maple Lake High School](#)

### **Special Education Services**

During a period of Distance Learning, students with disabilities will continue to receive a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). Special education and related service must be provided “to the greatest extent possible” while taking into consideration the nature of the student’s disability and available resources. Services may include the use of online learning and resources, paper packets or worksheets, teletherapy for speech/language services and mental health services and other curriculum based instructional activities. Your child’s case manager will be in contact with you to discuss an amendment to your child’s IEP that will be made during the Distance Learning period. The amendment

will list the goals that will be addressed, the amount of service that will be provided and the means for providing the service. Communication between our schools and your home will occur on a frequent basis in an effort to ensure that your child's educational needs are being met.

### **Food Service Delivery**

All families interested in receiving school breakfasts and lunches for Maple Lake kids, at no cost, may have them delivered by completing the survey at the link below. All children age 18 and under are eligible for these meals at no cost regardless of whether students normally receive free meals, reduced-price meals or pay for the meals.

Families do not have to complete this survey if they have already completed it, unless they are adding children to the list. [Student Meal Survey](#)

Please direct questions to Ryan at [maplelake@aviands.com](mailto:maplelake@aviands.com) or (320) 963-3022.

*\*Families that have not completed the survey already must do so by noon on Friday, March 27 to receive the meals for March 30 and 31. Please be sure to include your family's last name. Families may still sign up after March 27, but their first meals will arrive for Wednesday, April 1. We encourage families to take advantage this service.*

### **Childcare**

Maple Lake Public Schools is providing childcare for Tier 1 Emergency Workers and Tier 2 Essential Workers as listed in Governor Walz's Executive Order 20-02. Please click on the following link for information from our district's childcare provider.

[Childcare Information](#)

### **Activities/Athletics**

As required by the Minnesota State High School League, all extracurricular and co-curricular activities are suspended until further notice.

[MSHSL Spring Update](#)

### **Facility Usage**

Maple Lake Public Schools' buildings and grounds are only available for staff and children in our childcare program during the COVID-19 school closure.