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All MPS classes are canceled along with some other programs:

- PK-12 classes will be canceled, including Transition Plus (the one exception is for high school students taking PSEO college-based classes, which will continue)
- Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) and Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) will be canceled
- Early childhood screening services will be canceled
- Community Education’s Adult Education and Youth programs will be canceled, but Adult Enrichment classes will be held as scheduled.

Note: Online enrichment activities will be available to students to keep their minds active.

Starting March 9, a meal bag with one breakfast and lunch will be available for pick up daily at your student’s school. Pick-up hours will be shared by your school.

Starting March 9, extremely limited openings may be available for PK-5 emergency child supervision at a few school sites.

This service would be for families who have a very difficult time finding child care. Families are strongly encouraged to find other child care options as openings will likely fill up quickly.

If a strike is actually called, families should contact their school to request this school-based child supervision.

- Supervision means students will be in the presence of an MPS child care coordinator. Educational and other supports will not be the focus of the supervision—no special education services will be provided. Children will participate in enrichment activities and physical movement.
- Children will be provided with breakfast, lunch and a snack.
- Secondary students (grades 6-12) will need to stay home as MPS does not have enough staff to provide them with supervision.

For contract alternative programs:

- The following alternative schools will close: Longfellow Alternative High School, Minneapolis Academy and Career Center (MACC)
- The following alternative schools and specialized programs will remain open: Loring Niccollet Alternative School, MENLO Park Academy, MERC Alternative High School, NaWAYeE Center School, PYC Arts and Technology High School, Ronald MacDonald House, Takoda Prep/American Indian OIC, VOA High School

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Before- or after-school care (Minneapolis Kids) will be closed during the strike.

Some community after-school child care providers are looking to see if they can provide daytime child care for students already enrolled in their program (they do not have the capacity to enroll any new students). If they are able to do so, programs will contact their families directly.

School-based clinics and mental health services will continue to be provided.

Varsity athletics will continue.

Your student’s school will provide additional information on sports.

- Junior Varsity and B-squad practice can continue if adult supervision is available.
- Middle school sports are done for the season.

If too many school days are canceled, MPS may need to make up days during spring break or may extend the last day of school.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

An FAQ is available at: bit.ly/MPS_MFT

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