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Dear Miller Families,

As we continue our countdown for this historic and unique launch of the school year, there continues to be a lot of information to share. Please remember, all of the information I share and more will be found linked on the Miller website under newsletters. If you haven't had a chance to check out Mr. Billings and my welcome videos please click on the links (Mrs. Klco and a Mr. Billings welcome videos).

Monday, September 7:

NO SCHOOL due to Labor Day.

Canvas will first be made available for families. We apologize for the delay. I am including directions on how to login to Canvas and Zoom through your child's student Google account along with demonstration videos for both iPad and Chromebook attached to this story on the Miller's website.

- <u>Login Directions for Directions Canvas and Zoom</u>
- Accessing Canvas- Chromebook
- Accessing Canvas-Ipad

Tuesday, September 8:

First Day of instruction. Students can login through Canvas starting at 8:47 AM. Teachers have provided you with modified schedules for the week to allow us time to make personal connections with your child and family in a socially distant way.

Wednesday, September 9 - Friday, September 11

- Teachers will be providing synchronous instruction each morning and asynchronous instruction each afternoon on these three days. Students should login to Zoom through their classroom's Canvas page each day between 8:47 and 9:00 AM and follow the schedule provided by their teacher in their introductory email sent last Thursday.
- Students and families in the Safe Start program will be meeting with teachers during their 10 minute Meet & Greet, as scheduled through Sign-Up Genius link provided in Thursday's teacher email message. Safe Start students will receive their To Go Bag of learning materials during this meeting with their teacher.
- Those families who have opted for Virtual Academy will have the same opportunity to meet with their teacher--*virtually!* Please follow your teacher's directions to secure a time to meet with them in the afternoons of September 9-11,

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2020. Even though you will meet with your teacher virtually, you will still need to pick up "To Go Bags". We will have these ready and available for pick up Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 12:30-3:30 PM in our arrival and dismissal loop. Pick up your bag from your home school, the one you would have attended face-to-face. Let your teacher know if you need us to set up a different time and we will work to get you a bag!

- Friday is also Miller's Device Pick-Up Make-up Day. Families can still sign up for a district device through the Back to School Registration process on MISTAR Parent Portal. The red link can be found in the upper-right corner of the home screen. Students must meet ALL of the eligibility requirements identified in the Chromebook/iPad Take-Home Participation Agreement NO LATER THAN 24 HOURS BEFORE their school's scheduled pickup time. Students whose last names start with A-M pick up from 8:00 9:45 AM, and those whose last names start with N-Z pick up from 9:45 12:00 PM. District device distribution will take place outside of our school in the bus loop. When you arrive please make sure that you have:
- Your photo ID
- Your student's student ID number

Process:

- You will stay in your vehicle when you arrive and throughout the entire process.
- The process is expected to take a few minutes per family; with limited staffing and safety measures required, we regret that wait times might occasionally be long.
- If you are sick or not feeling well, please do not come. Let us know and we will work to ensure issuance for you during our next round.
- Please contact <u>chromebookhelp@pccsk12.com</u> with your student's name and student's ID # if you have any questions.

Pre-Order Application for Meal Benefits

- As the 2020-2021 school year approaches, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Food & Nutrition Services Department has released distribution and ordering information for the school breakfast and lunch program during the remote learning plan approved by the Board of Education. Please get all the information on the district website by clicking on THIS LINK.
- The program is open to all district students and will allow families to pre-order meals for pickup at distribution sites. The program will offer healthy and nutritious breakfast and lunch meals and will comply with free and reduced meal programs.
- Families experiencing economic hardship are encouraged to review the requirements for free and reduced meals. Families are also reminded that

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applications for the free and reduced meal program must be resubmitted yearly. The online application for free and reduced benefits is https://frapps.horizonsolana.com/PLYC01. Benefits expire on 10-21-2020 if not renewed.

• For more information from the Food & Nutrition Services Department, visit Safe Start Remote Feeding link for updates.

eNotifications

Make sure you are getting the latest information from your child(ren)'s school and from the district by signing up for eNotifications. Because of a student accounting issue, Virtual Academy families need to continue to sign up for eNotifications from their home schools. The Communications and Marketing team is currently working to create an eNotifications channel for VA families. Once that is complete, those families will want to subscribe to receive information from both sources.

Signing up is fast and easy.

- 1. Click on <u>THIS LINK</u> and follow the directions. Complete the fields with your e-mail address, first and last name. Then simply select the schools, programs or special areas from which you wish to receive information. That's it!
- 2. If you received eNotifications in the past and wish to change your preferences, just click on this link Change eNotification Preferences and follow the instructions.

Your Student Needs a Library Card

This year, all students will need to use their public library card to access online text to assist with remote learning. The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, in partnership with the Plymouth and Canton Public Libraries, are making it easy to sign up or confirm your current card. Just select the community you live in and click on the links below.

• Canton residents, help your student succeed in school with access to learning resources from the <u>Canton Public Library</u>. If you are applying for a card for the first time, you can use our <u>online card application form</u>. A temporary



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library card will be issued to you, which is valid for 90 days. For help with this process or resolving issues with your card, call 734-397-0999 or <u>Contact Us</u>.

• Residents of Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth can help their students get ready for a successful school year, by getting a library card. Apply for a 9-month digital card online, then swing by the library in the coming months for an actual card. For assistance, go to info@plymouthlibrary.org or call 734-453-0750, and press 3. https://plymouthlibrary.org/library-card/

Again, I am looking forward to this historic year with you and your child. There is a lot for all of us to learn as we "do school" in a very different way. But as Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you'll never grow." I think this quote applies to all of us this year, but we got this!

I hope you are having a wonderful long weekend and remember **We are Miller and We** are **Proud!**