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Northwest Middle School to transition to Virtual Learning

After much consideration, we have determined that Northwest Middle School will transition to virtual learning as a precaution due to COVID-19 safety concerns. With the number of teachers and students testing positive or being quarantined, it's difficult to continue face-to-face instruction and supervise students with staff. Those teachers and students who are close contacts have been notified. The school will participate in virtual learning for five instructional days beginning tomorrow, August 19, 2021, and return to face-to-face instruction on Thursday, August 26, 2021.

Teachers are prepared for virtual learning and will continue instruction while loading assignments through Canvas. Zoom links will be provided by the teachers.

Students should follow the guidelines below:

- Follow their regular school day schedule of 8:20 a.m. - 3:20 p.m. through Zoom
- Access Zoom link sent by their teachers
- Attend each class to be considered present
- Log in to class within 10 minutes of the start of the class
- Email their teacher if they are experiencing problems logging into Zoom

Please know this was not an easy decision. We continue to make the safety and well-being of our students and staff our number one priority. We know that the best and most effective learning takes place in the classroom, but the circumstances of Northwest Middle School make that difficult at this time.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we will get through this challenging time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Amy Carter'.

MPSD Superintendent