



Jimmie Eggers

Superintendent/Principal

July 2, 2020

Our Marcum-Illinois Families,

Due to COVID-19, there will be some changes to our Marcum campus. Our students will be returning to school in-person for the 2020-2021 school year. This decision was based on the survey results from both staff and families. Our staff is diligently working to create the safest possible environment for our students to return. As of July 1st, our preliminary expectations for the 2020-2021 school year are as follows:

- Marcum will open school with students in class on August 19th.
- Marcum is planning on having full day classes for all grade levels.
- Marcum will have before and after school care. Spaces will be limited. We will be sending out more information regarding before and after school care when we receive more clarification from the state.
- Marcum will set up classrooms and buildings to support social distancing. Masks/face shields will be worn by staff. Masks/face shields are recommended but not required for students.
- If any student or staff member has any symptoms related to Covid-19, they will be expected to stay home for their safety and the safety of everyone. Any student absences related to Covid-19 will not be held against the student this year.
- Inter-district transfer students will not be subject to attendance percentage checks this year to maintain their inter-district transfer. Please keep your child home when ill or showing any symptoms of Covid-19.
- A full plan for school/district operation will be in place at the beginning of August. We are waiting to release the full plan based on information that is continually being updated by the state and our county health officer. We plan to have a full school year with normal operating hours for all students. We will have contingency plans for potential outbreaks.
- For those families that are uncomfortable sending their child back under these conditions, we recommend that you enroll in our District's charter school, South Sutter Charter School, for an independent study, distance learning and homeschool model. We will hold your child's spot in our school for up to one year if you choose this option during this pandemic. At Marcum, we believe that the best education for our students comes from personal contact and relationships. We will continue to offer an exceptional in-person learning option and South Sutter will be offering an opportunity for high quality distance learning. They are experts in distance learning, and we feel that this opportunity offers the best learning environment if you are not comfortable with sending your students back to school in person. We will be happy to assist you in finding the right distance learning option until you are comfortable with your child coming back to our school.

You and your family may have specific questions that have not been answered in this letter. Please feel free to reach me by email or by cell phone so that I may answer those questions. My number is (530)777-8016.

Sincerely,

Jimmie Eggers
Superintendent/Principal