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June 9, 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

**Finishing Out the Year**

The last day of school for students is quickly approaching (June 12<sup>th</sup>). We would like to thank every adult who helped our students learn through this difficult time. We could not have done it without all of the parents, guardians, teachers, staff and of course dedicated students that we have here in Marathon. As we complete the final week, there are a few important topics we would like to share with you.

**Last Week to Complete Work**

All work must be turned in no later than June 12<sup>th</sup> to count towards 4<sup>th</sup> quarter grades. While most students found the work to be challenging when done remotely, the percentage of students to completed their assignments was high. If you have incomplete work, don't delay. Turn it in now and it won't be marked late.

**Collecting Personal Items and Dropping Off School Materials**

On June 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, we are asking parents to drop off their student's computers, computer accessories, calculators, textbooks, library books, classroom reading books, uniforms, school owned band instruments, etc. at the appropriate school. Place all items with the exception of the computer/computer accessories in a bag with the student's name and grade on the bag. Place the students name/grade on the computer as well if not already labeled.

Procedure for June 16th:

1. Pull up to the curb at the front entrance of the appropriate school (UPK-6<sup>th</sup> grade materials go to Appleby and 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade materials go to the Junior/Senior High School).
2. Stay in your car and someone will come to you.
3. Hand your labeled materials to the person at the curb and give your child's name and grade level.
4. If your child has materials at school, we have already bagged and labeled them. We will then bring your child's belongings to your car.
5. High school and elementary yearbooks that were purchased will also be brought to cars at this time.

**Budget Vote**

Based on a new Governor's executive order, absentee ballots can be brought to the district in-person on or before June 9<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM. Absentee ballots can still be turned in **by mail** until June 16<sup>th</sup>. All mailed ballots must be in the district office by 5 PM on June 16<sup>th</sup> to be counted. To watch the counting of the ballots and voting results, go to:

<https://cnyric.zoom.us/j/91009981670?pwd=VEtBly9mdlFKWFBNTUFGMUI4dit1dz09>

Meeting ID: 910 0998 1670  
Password: 529499

Renee Tallman and Holly Chrysler worked with our staff to create a special video for our children. Please see the district's website to view the videos. Thank you very much Ms. Tallman and Ms. Chrysler for creating this special message.

School facilities will continue to be closed until further notice. Unfortunately, there will not be elementary summer school, driver's education or summer band lessons this summer. Regional summer school will be held virtually for those 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade students that need to retake a course to advance to the next grade level or stay on track for graduation.

### **Food Program over the Summer**

Marathon will be providing grab and go breakfast and lunch this summer beginning Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Meals are available to all students 18 and under and can be picked up at the High School on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (with the exception of July 3<sup>rd</sup>) from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. The menu for each week will be posted on our website. Weekend meals will be provided with Friday's pick up. To help us prepare the correct amount of food, we ask that you call the HS main office at 849-3252 or return the slip provided in this week's meal delivery to let us know if you are interested in participating and how many children you will be picking up meals for.

### **Planning for Next Year**

As we look forward to the beginning of next year, we would like to gain some feedback on how the end of this year went. Remote learning is challenging, and we want to know what went well and what didn't. We will use your feedback to help us begin to plan what best suits our students needs next year. I encourage all parents to complete the on-line survey by either going to the link on the main web page or by going to the following address:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeRAMxYtbbJZ5uGhOstkODWHCw1rbU4nP8CaelRtOHwcAzMEw/viewform>. Mr. Hillis and Ms. Marcolina also emailed the survey to parents that had an email on file at school.

At this time, we are unsure of what September will bring - but we plan to be ready. We understand that some students may be anxious about returning. Some parents may be as well. We will make sure our students will return to a safe environment and will support them both academically and emotionally. In addition, I wanted you to know that we also recognize, that on top of COVID-19, we need to work as a school community on being kind to all, no matter the color of their skin, their social economic status or their beliefs. Over time, our society has built harmful barriers that we, as a community and an educational institution, need to tear down. Safety is not only the protection from a virus that has stopped our world in its tracks, but also the knowledge that all students at Marathon are treated equally and have the same rights. We are a community of one and, as we have in the past three month, need to show how strong our community is by supporting everyone.

As we end the year, we wanted to thank you for helping us provide our children with the best education possible. It was a learning process and we made it through. Take care over the summer. We look forward to seeing everyone in person soon.

Sincerely,



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Marathon Superintendent



Jon Hillis  
Elementary Principal



Holly Marcolina  
Marathon Jr./Sr. High School Principal