



MCPOLIN OFFICE UPDATES
Wednesday, January 19th, 2022

Dear parents and caregivers,

What a difference a day or year makes, or does it?! To say this year continues to be interesting is an understatement. All of us at school have taken the approach that riding a roller coaster beats a carousel most days, even though a nice relaxing carousel ride would be welcomed. Each week, day, hour brings new information that may create any number of reactions. The most unsettling feeling is that of confusion which may lead to loss of trust. To deny these aspects of our year would be unfair. However, when we add students to any conversation, we find the solutions and choices clear and undeniable, they are counting on us like never before.

Our McPolin community continues to demonstrate in words and actions a “we got this” spirit. We see this spirit in the parents who volunteer for the baggie book program, recycling, EATS activities, the GOAP activities, School Community Council and PTO. These sorts of celebrations may seem small or ordinary and if Covid was not a factor we might agree. The truth is, any sort of support is more important now than ever.

It would be irresponsible of me not to mention all of the various and differing opinions, concerns, and questions this situation is bringing out in all of us. One person’s easy is another person’s biggest fear. We are well aware of this convergence of opinions. At McPolin we are family and we recognize as in any family we have a variety of challenges. We honor, hear, and listen to all ideas and concerns. At the end of the day, we can all agree that our students are what matter the most. Consider for a moment this unprecedented challenge and experience being endured by our students, the impact will last a lifetime. That alone should confirm the importance of our collective efforts that will provide our students a foundation that prepares them for anything they may experience on this journey called life.

I want to offer some evidence of our commitment to our students, please review the RISE data on the third page. You will see that our overall data has remained consistent and in alignment with the district during a two-year pandemic. I believe that deserves a Woot! Woot!

Let me close by re-emphasizing our most important priorities:

- Students, staff, community
- Safety
- Each other

We didn’t create this mess, but regardless, it is up to us to make it work. I will close with a phrase I live by every day, “After all this is over, all that will really matter is how we treated each other.”

Sincerely,
Bob Edmiston

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Friday, January 21st – Third Day of GOAP**
 - **Best to arrive at school early to help students with equipment:**
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences – Monday, January 31st-Thursday, February 10th**
 - **Be looking for information from your teachers**

IMPORTANT COVID INFORMATION:

- 1.) **STAY HOME UNTIL YOU RECEIVE COVID TEST RESULTS.** We have a number of situations when families tested and kept coming to school to only learn later they are positive creating a number of challenging situations
- 2.) **WE WILL NO LONGER BE CALLING HOME ABOUT COVID. We will send notes and always welcome your feedback.**



PCSD and MPES RISE data
Readiness Improvement Success Empowerment
2016-17, 2018-19, NO 2019-20, and 2020-21

| | **ELA proficiency scores | **Math proficiency scores | **Science proficiency scores |
|---------|---|--|--|
| 2017-18 | *PCSD Overall -52% **MPES Overall -40% Grade 3 – 48% Grade 4 – 34% Grade 5 - 38% | *PCSD Overall -52% **MPES Overall -46% Grade 3 – 44% Grade 4 – 53% Grade 5 - 41% | PCSD Overall -58% **MPES Overall - 38% Grade 3 – N/A Grade 4 – 47% Grade 5 – 29% |
| 2018-19 | *PCSD Overall -54% **MPES Overall – 60% Grade 3 – 62% Grade 4 – 62% Grade 5 – 55% | *PCSD Overall -51% **MPES Overall –60% Grade 3 – 72% Grade 4 – 50% Grade 5 – 62% | *PCSD Overall -54% **MPES Overall –63% Grade 3 – N/A Grade 4 – 71% Grade 5 – 53% |
| 2020-21 | *PCSD Overall -54% **MPES Overall – 54% Grade 3 – 48% Grade 4 Grade 5 | *PCSD Overall -46% **MPES Overall –60% Grade 3 – 48% Grade 4 Grade 5 | *PCSD Overall -52% **MPES Overall –63% Grade 3 – 48% Grade 4 Grade 5 |

* PCSD overall scores include grades 3-12 *Los resultados globales del PCSD incluyen los grados 3-12

** MPES overall scores include grades 3-5 ** Los resultados globales del MPES incluyen los grados 3-5

Proficiency – is based on a state determined formula for scoring

Competencia- se basa en una fórmula de puntuación determinada por el Estado.