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Dear MTSD Families,

Our hallways are filled with excitement with the return of students. I have visited both our district schools, and am delighted to see the enthusiasm of students and staff as we begin the new school year.

A few items I would like to address in today's communication.

Back-to-School Nights:

Parents will have the opportunity to visit their children's schools at back-to-school nights. We hope you will attend.

Those events are taking place as follows:

- Mansfield Township Elementary School - Wednesday, September 21st from 6:30pm-8pm
- John Hydock Elementary School - Wednesday, September 28th from 6:30pm-8pm

Hand Foot and Mouth Disease:

I believe it is necessary to communicate that our county is reporting cases of Hand Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD). While this disease is common in young children, anyone can get it. The illness is not usually serious, however, it is very contagious and spreads quickly.

The first symptoms of HFMD are usually fever, sore throat, loss of appetite and feeling sick. Several days after fever begins, small red spots develop in the mouth that may turn into blisters or ulcers. A skin rash can also develop on the hands, feet, and buttocks, and sometimes on the arms and legs. The rash may be raised or flat red spots and blisters. Not everyone with HFMD has all these symptoms. Symptoms usually appear 3-7 days after initial exposure and infection. HFMD is commonly spread by contact with an infected person's stool, nasal discharge, and saliva or blister fluid. A person is most contagious during the first week of the illness.

There is no specific treatment for HFMD, almost all children with HFMD recover on their own. People with HFMD should rest and drink liquids to prevent dehydration. You may contact your child's health provider for other suggestions on how to treat the disease. Everyone in the household of a person with HFMD should thoroughly wash their hands with soap and water after using the toilet and having contact with nasal, saliva and blister discharge. Children can return to school when their fever goes away and their mouth sores have healed.

If you believe your child has been exposed to HFMD please monitor them for symptoms. If your child is showing signs and symptoms of HFMD, please keep them home and reach out to our school Nurse or

health care provider for further guidance. For more information, please follow this link:
<https://www.cdc.gov/hand-foot-mouth/>.

20th Anniversary of Mansfield Township Elementary School:

Happy 20th Birthday to MTES! Please join us in our kickoff celebration on October 6th in the MTES parking lot from 3pm-7pm for some food truck fun! After dinner, you can head right to the polls to vote in the district's Bond Referendum. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Bond Referendum:

As you know we are asking the community to vote for the MTSD bond referendum on **October 6th** between 3pm-8pm at your voting locations. Our Bond Referendum Committee has been attending community events; sharing information and addressing the needs of our school community without burdening our taxpayers. We have worked with our financial advisors to build in contingencies, and our plan still calls for a tax decrease.

Following voter approval of our bond referendum, our district would be able to move forward with creating security vestibules at both Mansfield Elementary School and John Hydock Elementary School. These secured vestibules are becoming standard features in all modern schools. Our students and staff deserve this added layer of protection and peace of mind.

Our bond proposal also includes replacing all shingle roofing at Mansfield Elementary to replace the current roofing that has led to leaks and mold; both of which have disrupted teaching and learning.

When you have a free moment, please visit our bond referendum website at mansfieldschool.com/vote to familiarize yourself with the proposed projects, as well as financing, with the hopes of doing more for our staff and students for less in terms of taxes.

My thanks to each one of you for your attention and your interest in our bond proposal. We are aiming to educate every voter about the details of this bond referendum. We cannot underestimate how important each vote is in any election, big or small.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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