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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The State of Michigan, under Section 21f of the State School Aid Act, has launched the choice for parents to request that their child(ren), in grades 5-12, be enrolled in no more than (2) online courses in place of a currently scheduled course. Marysville Public Schools supports online learning, and as a district, we pride ourselves on innovative uses of technology to support learning. Nonetheless, we encourage parents to carefully consider if an online course is ideal for their child(ren), given the fact that they will be sacrificing "face-to-face" instruction and support by a highly qualified staff member.

Parents should carefully consider the unique qualities of their child(ren) when determining if an online class is the best instructional fit for them. These factors include:

- Can your child create and maintain a study schedule without face-to-face interaction of a teacher?
- Can your child self-advocate, seeking help with a virtual setting?
- Does your child possess the independent study habits needed to complete the entire course online without direct supervision?
- Does your child have the reading, writing, math and computer literacy skills needed to succeed in a class that is completely online?
- Additional information can be found in the [Parent Guide to Online Learning](#).

It is important to note that this option is limited to choices available from the online classes that are listed within the [state's online course catalog](#). While all of these classes have been reviewed by each sponsoring or local district, these courses may not necessarily meet the rigor of courses for Marysville Public Schools from a credit or graduation requirement perspective, and are, therefore, subject to administrative approval. Additionally, availability of courses is not guaranteed. Courses may have a class size limit, and should that limit be exceeded, student will be placed into the course on a lottery basis.

Should you request that your child(ren) participate in an online learning experience, please note the following:

- The highly qualified teacher providing the content for the course will only be available remotely via email or possibly phone and will not be an employee of Marysville Public Schools.
- Students will work independently outside of the traditional classroom setting and will not be present with their current teacher or classmates during that course.
- Students will be monitored by a Marysville Public Schools support staff member.
- Changes to the existing student's schedule may need to be made.
- If approved, both the parent/guardian and student must agree to the 21f Online Learning Course Student Contract.

Parents who wish to enroll their child(ren) in this learning option for the 2015-16 school year, will need to notify the counselor or building principal of their request by August 27, 2015. Requests for the online

option must also be submitted at the elementary level to the principal for consideration by August 27, 2015.

Should you have any additional questions about online learning opportunities or would like to further discuss the online option, please contact your child(ren)'s counselor or building principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shawn K. Wightman".

Shawn K. Wightman, Ed.D.
SUPERINTENDENT
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