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Welcome back to another exciting year at Mason Consolidated Schools! As we prepare to embark on a journey of growth, discovery, and achievement, I wanted to take a moment to share some important information and updates that will contribute to the success of our students and teachers alike.

As we prepare to kick off the school year, I am thrilled to share some positive news from the state level. The Governor signed into law the ability for districts to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students this year. This is an incredible step forward in ensuring that every child has access to nutritious meals, creating a healthier and more equitable environment for our students. This commitment not only addresses the immediate needs of our students but also aligns perfectly with our district's commitment to fostering an inclusive and supportive learning environment. We believe that well-nourished students are better equipped to succeed academically and socially, and we are grateful for the state's commitment to their well-being.

I would like to emphasize the importance of your participation in a crucial aspect of this program. While all students will receive free meals, it is essential for families to **complete the Education Benefits Form**. This form helps our district with eligibility for additional funding, grants, and family supports. Completing the Education Benefits Form is a simple and confidential process that is critical for our district. This form can be found below and should be returned to your child's building office staff.

Our commitment to the growth and development of our students remains steadfast, and we are equally dedicated to fostering an environment that supports the continuous growth of our exceptional educators. With this goal in mind, I am thrilled to remind you about the 1 hour late starts that we will be implementing this school year.

Recognizing the crucial role that collaboration and professional development play in enhancing the teaching and learning experience, our district has planned a series of 20 late start days throughout the year. These late starts will provide our talented teachers with the valuable opportunity to come together, share insights, exchange best practices, and collaborate on innovative teaching strategies. By engaging in this collective effort, our teachers will be better equipped to inspire and guide our students on their educational journey.

To ensure the success of these late start days and to support our families, I kindly remind you to plan your childcare arrangements accordingly for these specified days. By doing so, you contribute to a community that values the growth and enrichment of all its members.

Additionally, I am thrilled to introduce to you that ten exceptional new teachers have joined the Mason family this year. Each of these educators brings a unique set of skills, perspectives, and experiences that will undoubtedly contribute to the vibrancy of our classrooms and the success of our students. We are excited to welcome them into our community and look forward to the positive impact they will make.

As we embark on this new academic year, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your ongoing support and partnership. Together, we will continue to nurture an environment of learning, collaboration, and growth that empowers our students to achieve their fullest potential.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's school office if you have any questions or require further assistance. We are here to ensure a smooth and successful start to the school year.

Sincerely,

Kelli A. Tuller
Superintendent

EDUCATION BENEFITS FORM SY 2023 - 2024

District: _____ School: _____

Part A: STUDENT INFORMATION - Complete for each student Pre-K through 12th Grade

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	Grade Level	School	Identify H if Homeless M if Migrant R if Runaway F if Foster

Part B: BENEFITS RECEIVED (if applicable)

If any member of your household receives Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or FDPIR, provide the name and case number for the person who receives benefits. Bridge Card Numbers and Medicaid Numbers are NOT ACCEPTABLE case numbers.

Name: _____ Case Number: _____

Part C: HOUSEHOLD SIZE	Part D: ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME - Select the appropriate range of combined annual income for all people in the household (Include all income before taxes)		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$18,954	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$18,955 and \$26,973	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$26,974
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$25,636	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$25,637 and \$36,482	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$36,483
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$32,318	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$32,319 and \$45,991	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$45,992
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$39,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$39,001 and \$55,500	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$55,501
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$45,682	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$45,683 and \$65,009	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$65,010
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$52,364	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$52,365 and \$74,518	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$74,519
<input type="checkbox"/> 7 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$59,046	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$59,047 and \$84,027	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$84,028
<input type="checkbox"/> 8 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$65,728	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$65,729 and \$93,536	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$93,537

*** Special Instructions for households with more than 8 people: DO NOT check the boxes above. Instead, fill in items below:**
 Household size (# people): _____ Total annual income: _____

Part E: CERTIFICATION - The head of household or adult designee who completed this form must complete this certification section

I certify (promise) that all information on this form is true and that all income is reported to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this form may impact the amount of State or Federal funding allocated to my local school district. I understand that the information I have provided may be verified.

 (Signature) (Printed Name) (Date)

 (Address) (City) (Zip)

 (Email Address) (Home Phone) (Work Phone)

Do NOT fill out this section. This is for school use only.
 Status: F _____ R _____ N _____ Determining Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE EDUCATION BENEFITS FORM

This form is used to determine eligibility for state benefits for which your child(ren)'s school may qualify. Please complete, sign, and return this form to your child's school.

If any member of your household receives benefits from the Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or FDPIR, please follow these instructions:

Part A: Student Information – For each student in the household Pre-K through 12th grade, list the last name, first name, grade level, school, and H if homeless, M if Migrant, R if Runaway or F if a Foster Child.

Part B: Benefits Received – If any household member, including adults, receives Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), provide the name and case number. Bridge Card Numbers and Medicaid Numbers are NOT ACCEPTABLE case numbers.

Part C: Household Size - Check the box for the total number of individuals living in your household. This should include all children and adults, related and un-related, that live in a single dwelling and share income and expenses.

Part D: Annual Household Income – Skip this part

Part E: Certification - Sign the form. Print your name and date.

If your household does not receive benefits from the Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or FDPIR, please follow these instructions:

Part A: Student Information - For each student in the household Pre-K through 12th grade, list the last name, first name, grade level, school, and H if homeless, M if Migrant, R if Runaway or F if a Foster Child.

Part B: Benefits Received – Skip this part

Part C: Household Size – Check the box for the total number of individuals living in your household. This should include all children and adults, related and un-related, that live in a single dwelling and share income and expenses.

Part D: Annual Household Income – Moving across the same row as the household size check box, check the box that shows the range of annual income for all people in your household. Make sure to include all of the following income sources: work, welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, SSI, VA benefits, child income and/or all other income. The amount should be before any deductions for taxes, insurance, medical expenses, child support, etc.

Part E: Certification - Sign the form. Print your name, date, and contact information.

MCS 2023 – 2024 District Calendar

	Students Days	Staff Days
August/September	* 19	20
Welcome Back Convocation – 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.	August 29	
EMEA Meeting -9:30-10:00 a.m.		
Building Level Meetings -10:00-11:00 a.m.		
Mentor/Mentee District Wide Meeting -12:30-2:00 p.m.		
*Staff PD- 9:30 – 3:15	August 30	
Districtwide Open House 4:00 – 6:00	August 30	
First Day with Students	September 5	
October	22	22
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	October 4	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	October 11	
All Students Half Day AM- Parent- Teacher Conferences	October 17	
Parent-Teacher Conferences Central Elementary		
12:15 – 3 :15 & 4:00 – 7:00		
Parent-Teacher Conferences Middle School/High School		
11:30 – 2:30 & 3:00 – 6:00		
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	October 25	
November	*20	20
*No School –Staff PD 8:30 – 2:15	November 1	
End of 1 st Qtr. Middle & High School	November 3	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	November 8	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	November 15	
End of 1 st Trimester Central Elementary	November 17	
All Students / Staff Half Day AM	November 22	
Thanksgiving Recess (No School)	November 23-24	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	November 29	
December	16	16
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	December 6	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	December 13	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	December 20	
All Students / Staff Half Day AM	December 22	
Winter Break Begins (No School)	December 25	

January	20	20
Classes Resume	January 3	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	January 10	
Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)	January 15	
End of 2 nd Qtr. Middle & High School	January 19	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	January 24	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	January 31	
February	20	20
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	February 7	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	February 14	
President's Day (No School)	February 19	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	February 28	
March	16	16
End of 2 nd Trimester Central Elementary	March 1	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	March 6	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	March 13	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	March 20	
End of 3 rd Qtr. Middle & High School	March 22	
Spring Recess Begins (No School)	March 25	
April	22	22
Classes Resume	April 1	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	April 17	
All Students 1 Hour Late Start	April 24	
May	22	22
All Students / Staff Half Day AM	May 3	
All Students and Staff Half Day	May 24	
Memorial Day (No School)	May 27	
June	3	3
MSHS Commencement (Outside)	June 2	
MSHS Commencement Rain Date (Outside)	June 3	
Last Day with Students / Staff Half Day AM	June 5	
Total Days:	*180	182

*Professional development dates used as instructional days and hours for students