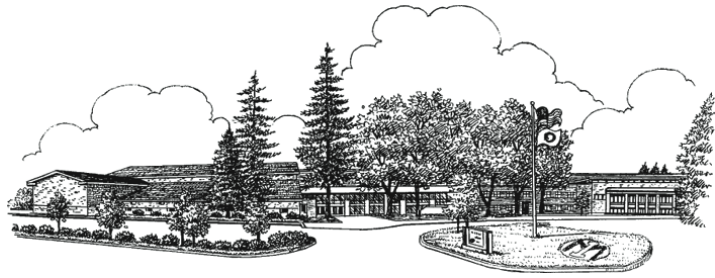


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Greetings Islanders!

Thank you for your patience as we work to balance student and family wellness with the guidelines surrounding school operations. Consistent with OSPI guidance and the [Washington State Department of Health Decision Tree](#), we will continue to offer robust online learning. Though we have been unable to bring in grade bands or classes, we have been working with the Mercer Island Education Association (MIEA) to create safe, in-person opportunities for students.

The [OSPI Decision Tree](#), WIAA guidelines, and the District's agreement with the MIEA allow athletic practices to begin next week. In strict compliance with health and safety guidelines, we will begin by having small groups of six or fewer athletes working outside on such things as conditioning and skill development.

At MIHS, we are working toward offering in-person learning to small groups, or cohorts, of our highest need students, such as students with disabilities and those farthest from educational justice. We also hope to offer in-person opportunities for other extracurricular and co-curricular clubs and activities in the near future.

For questions further questions about athletics, please contact Athletic Coordinator Kyle McKenna at kyle.mckenna@mercerislandschools.org. I look forward to updating our students and families as we work together to keep people safe and to keep our students engaged at school.

Respectfully,
Walter Kelly