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To: Madison Local School District Students, Parents, Employees, and Community
From: Rob Peterson, Superintendent
Date: June 4, 2021
Re: Madison Online Academy 2021-2022 School Year

While it is the belief and philosophy of the Madison Local School District that teaching and learning is a human business, and the best teaching and learning is going to occur with our students and teachers in a face-to-face learning environment, we will be providing the Madison Online Academy to students in grades 7-12 for the 2021-2022 school year. However, the Ohio General Assembly has not provided legislation for remote learning to take place as it did during the 2020-2021 school year, therefore there are some differences that are required due to that change. In addition to those changes, we have made some changes locally as well.

The Madison Online Academy will be available to students in grades 7-12 with the following conditions:

1)It is clearly understood that students who enroll in the Madison Online Academy will be expected to complete their learning independently on a third-party online platform, Edmentum. It is strongly recommended that students who do not learn well independently and require instruction from their teachers, enroll in face-to-face learning.

2)Students who participated in the online academy during the 2020-2021 school year must have completed their online learning successfully in the following three areas: a)attendance b)progress c)grades. The standards for determining success in these areas are still being formulated.

3)Students who participate in the online academy during the 2021-2022 school year must meet standards in the following three areas each grading period: a)attendance b)progress c)grades. If any of the standards are not met during a grading period, the student will be required to return to face-to-face learning and must remain in face-to-face learning for the rest of the school year. The standards for these areas are also still being formulated.

4)Students who enroll in the online academy may request to return to face-to-face learning at any time during the school year, however if they return to face-to-face learning, they will not be permitted to return to the online academy during the rest of the school year.

5)No Career-Technical lab classes will be offered through the online academy.

6)As a result of the Ohio General Assembly not allowing for remote learning as it did during the 2020-2021 school year, students who enroll in the Madison Online Academy will be required to take part in a blended learning model, where they must spend some portion of their educational

time in a supervised school environment. An example of how the blended learning model could be implemented for a student is the following: the student completes their learning online throughout the week, and is also expected to report to their teacher's classroom for 1-2 hours weekly or every other week for a check-in with their teacher and to complete unit tests and/or coursework.

Over the next month we will continue to finalize the details for the Madison Online Academy, and we will share those details with students and their families. Once those details are finalized and shared with you, please contact your child's school if you are interested in enrolling your child in the Madison Online Academy, or if you have any questions regarding the online academy guidelines or whether your child meets the enrollment requirements. **The deadline for requesting enrollment into the Madison Online Academy is July 31, 2021.** Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.