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PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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Please continue to fund MOA for youth in crisis

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Wed, Dec 14, 2022 at 5:04 PM

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To: publiccomment@mcpsmt.org

Dear Board Members and MCPS staff,

I would like to echo the comments submitted by Jil D. in favor of continued funding for the Missoula Online Academy program.

I am the stepmother of Jil's 12 year old daughter and feel similarly. We, as her two families, are so very grateful for MOA and the wonderful, understanding, helpful people at MOA. Without MOA, I am not sure where our two families would be right now.

You ongoing support and funding is helping many families dealing with crisis situations.
Colleen T.

Our feedback regarding MOA

Olga Helmy <olga_helmy@yahoo.com>
To: publiccomment@mcpsmt.org

Wed, Dec 14, 2022 at 7:56 PM

To whom it may concern,

This is just a quick note to let you know how impressed we have been by the teachers and staff at MOA this past semester. Although our son is new to the program, he has adjusted to the online curriculum seamlessly. We were so worried, given that it was necessary for him to transition into the program mid-semester, but within a very short time he appears to have developed a lovely rapport with his teachers. In particular, We have never known him to enjoy math, but this semester he seems to love it, and perhaps for the first time ever, appears to feel confident in his math abilities.

MOA was exactly what our family needed this semester—we were given a unique opportunity to work abroad, in Central America [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] and has an IEP and so we very nearly gave up the opportunity to travel for work because we were reluctant to interrupt his freshman year of high school. When we learned that Missoula had this opportunity for remote learning, it saved our trip and allowed us to experience this opportunity as a family. We couldn't be more grateful.

We hope that you will continue MOA into the future. Although our situation was elective, we can well imagine situations which would require families to be away from Missoula for extended periods of time and for kids to study remotely. Having a cadre of experienced educators in our district seems a huge asset to the county.

Respectfully,

Olga Helmy

Sent from my iPhone



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Start times for high school

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Tue, Jan 10, 2023 at 11:14 AM

To: "publiccomment@mcpsmt.org" <publiccomment@mcpsmt.org>

Hi board members,

I wanted to make sure I expressed my support of the later start times that have existed the last few years. This had been talked about for a long time as a developmentally and science based approach. I have personally experienced this schedule work incredibly well for my child who busses in from out of town and has a reasonable bus time (8am) and is able to do this on their own while I'm am busy caring for the younger children and taking them to school. I also appreciate that they are done with activities about the time I am done with work or they arrive home closer to when I arrive and have less time on their own unsupervised.

I have heard that for some students, work shifts have been a problem. Most businesses are used to the old schedule, and, in my opinion, will adapt over time. Some students have always elected to leave a class period early for work.

Please keep this excellent science based and innovated schedule for next year.

Sincerely,

Lisa Davey

Parent of a Junior at Hellgate HS and incoming 23-24 Freshman

Sent from Mail for Windows
