

## Student LeCAP 9/9/20

1. In what ways have you made connections with your peers during the past two weeks?
  - Email and Zoom has been a good way to keep in touch.
  - A lot of my classmates and friends stay in touch through Facetime. Teachers put together breakout groups which is nice for working with peers for homework.
  - I sometimes Facetime, Zoom, or text my friends, or see them in breakout rooms.
  - People I know but don't have their phone numbers we use Snapchat to text and see each other's faces.
  
2. Summer typically results in feeling a little behind with school work. How are you currently feeling about your readiness for learning this year?
  - I feel more prepared than I was last year because during 5th grade we just started Zoom and were getting used to using Google classroom. Not as organized and only had ZOOM once a week so we couldn't ask the teacher as many questions. The beginning of 6th grade has been much easier for me than 5th.
  - Everything has been old hat since I've been at middle school for 3 years. I've been well prepared and downloaded supplies for online learning. Transitioning to in person will require more planning and logistics for students and administrators.
  - I think 5th grade is a good grade and I got better than I was in 4th grade. I've been reading over the summer so I think it's going to be a good year.
  - Last year was kind of chaotic because we didn't know if we were going to go back to school or fully online. The going back to school after summer always brings excitement and I'm ready to see my friends and teachers. It's hard
  
3. What adjustments do you anticipate having to make if we transition from distance learning to in-person learning?
  - I think working from home then going back to the classroom is different because at home you're not surrounded by people. That will be a big adjustment.
  - There will be a change in amount of people, environment, and getting used to new schedule. Will have to wear masks so we don't have an outbreak.
  - Changes will involve sanitation, gloves, masks. I have vulnerable members in my

household so I'm looking out for their safety.

4. Do you feel you have the proper device, connection to internet and materials, and resources to be successful with your assignments?
  - I always fully charge my iPad and I use my desktop for Zooms and classes. I have all of my textbooks and supplies and I think I'm fine.
  - I have my iPad that was given to me by the school district. I also have a computer so I can work on 2 things at once. I have notebooks, pens, everything else I would need. My internet connection is pretty good.
  - I use my school iPad and last year I used a computer but my dad's PC broke so I just use an iPad. My internet connection is pretty good - no freezes or getting kicked out of Zooms.
  - I think with materials, I think it was nice that MVMS did the pick up and I could get what I needed for each class. That was helpful. I don't have a secondary device to use for Zoom so going back and forth if we're doing an assignment in class from Zoom to the assignment can be tough because we need to have our cameras on most of the time. I think having 4 people on Zoom at once in my house and it causes Internet issues. I've been kicked off Zooms. But other than that, good connection.
  
5. You have both live instruction and asynchronous learning. What challenges or successes have you had in both?
  - I think doing live instruction is more helpful than through Google classroom because we can hear it from our teachers and interact rather than just reading. Challenge is the attention level. Being on Zoom for an hour is a lot. For asynchronous, the challenge is you don't have a set schedule or something that keeps you focused. I can get distracted by something else happening in my house.
  - Staring at a screen for one hour or 30 minutes sometimes causes headaches for me. Better to be in class. I don't have advantages for Zoom.
  - For asynchronous learning, if you're assigned a subject and can't understand it it can take a while for teachers to respond. If it's due that day you can't exactly fix it in time. For Zoom, good because you can connect with teachers and be more focused. Con is that sometimes it freezes or can be hard to understand if several people talk at once. Chat can be misused.

- Learning with teachers is beneficial. Offers chance to hear about topics and when I do homework by myself I get freedom to choose my own schedule which teaches me independence and time management. For screen time, my teachers give lots of breaks in class.

6. When you have questions or feel confused, how do you seek help?

- Sometimes in our class you can sign up for a time to talk to my teacher. Sometimes I ask my parent for help.
- You can schedule office hour meetings or ask your parent. You can email your classmates to ask for help and work on homework together.
- Emails and office hours are very beneficial for staying connected.
- Office hours are really useful to get one on one help. You can also email teachers.

7. What helps you stay motivated to attend class?

- As a student, I have a duty to learn from wherever knowledge comes from so for me right now that is school.
- Grades is a big part of it. I want a good participation grade. I think being interested and participating also keeps me motivated to stay present. History is one of my favorites so pushing me to learn more keeps me interested in the class.
- New classmates and a new teacher and a whole different way of learning.
- For me the privilege of having access for a good education. I feel motivation to get good grades to go to a private school next year.

8. Are you aware that you may still get a school lunch? There is an option to order on the ChoiceLunch app and pick up all lunches on Monday for the week. This will change to every day when we return to in person learning.

- I am aware that we can order but I personally won't be ordering. Last year, Dr. Berman came to our school because we discussed finding a different lunch program because the amount of single use plastics.
- I am aware of the plan to implement ChoiceLunch in distance learning. I prefer home

lunch and in school last year, many classmates would take their fruits and vegetables and once the helpers look away they would toss them into the trash and that is really wasteful. When I see it I tell them to stop and think about how their parents paid for the meals and how they're negatively impacting the environment.

- I was not aware that it was available during distance learning until today. I used to get ChoiceLunch at least once a week in person and have talked about it with the green team related to waste. I love home lunches and it's great to make lunch for myself.
- I didn't know you could order ChoiceLunch. I'm like half excited about it and half not. I like it and some of my friends like it too but how it negatively affects the environment is not good. Some peers would hide fruits and green team would find the food and it wasn't good. Some would dump it all into the trash even though they would have to sort it.