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Metro Nashville Public Schools to resume classes Monday, May 10

(Nashville, TN – May 8, 2010) – Metro Nashville Public Schools will reopen for students, Monday, May 10. All students will be expected to report to school Monday; those who are not able to attend due to flooding will be marked as excused absences.

“We work very hard to protect time throughout the year, but this millennial flood has created unprecedented conditions,” said Director of Schools Dr. Jesse Register. “It is difficult to schedule make-up time and whatever approach we take is certain to be disruptive. Therefore, I intend to work with the Board of Education to look at building in more make-up days in future school calendars.”

“We regret the loss of valuable instructional time, and I want to commend our employees who have worked hard this week to not only prepare our schools and equipment for school, but to help their neighbors in need.”

End of Course Exams and Graduations (for high school students)

The week of May 3 – 7 was originally scheduled to be the End of Course testing window for high school students. As a result of the flood, and the school closing, the End of Course testing has been modified. When students return Monday, the schedule for high school students End of Course testing will be as follows:

- Day 1 (May 10) – Return to school, prepare for testing
- Day 2 (May 11) – Algebra I
- Day 3 (May 12) – English II / Algebra I make-ups
- Day 4 (May 13) – Biology I / Algebra I and English II make-ups
- Day 5 (May 14) – Make-up testing for all EOCs
- Day 6 (May 17) – Make-up testing for English I, U.S. History, and Algebra II Field Test
- Day 7 (May 18) – Schools return test materials (upon appointment)
- Day 8 (May 19) – Schools return test materials in a.m. (upon appointment)

The English I, U.S. History and Algebra II field test may be administered any time during the window. The field test is given on one day and does not need to be made up. The state has approved MNPS’s request to extend the online Gateway testing deadline to Wednesday, May 26. This is the last full day of school for students.

This testing schedule will allow students to complete their studies and mandatory state tests. Affected graduations and new locations include:

The Academy at Opry Mills	Wednesday, May 26, 10 a.m. Bellshire Assembly of God, 1116 Darbytown Drive
Glenciff	Sunday, May 23, 4 p.m. Tennessee Performing Arts Center
Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet High	TBD
Nashville School of the Arts	Thursday, May 20, 7 p.m. Christ Church, 15354 Old Hickory Blvd, 37211
Whites Creek High School	TBD

Transportation

MNPS school buses will be running Monday morning. Students whose roads and bus stops are cleared for traffic should go to their regular bus stop. If parents know that their road or bus stop is blocked due to flooding or debris, they need to contact the MNPS Customer Service Center (prior to Monday morning) to find out if an alternate stop is available. To assist families, the MNPS Customer Service Center will be open extended hours, **Sunday, May 9, from noon – 5 p.m.**, and **Monday, from 5:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.** Translators will be available.

Monday morning, MTA will increase its service to run the Saturday schedule. A list of the bus routes and their modifications will be posted on MTA’s website (www.nashvillemta.org). To assist MTA, MNPS will use school buses to supplement service to East Literature and Meigs Magnet in and out of Music City Central, if needed.

Magnet school students who rely heavily on MTA for transportation may wish to carpool with other families during this difficult time.

All parents need to be aware that travel time to and from school in affected areas may be longer than normal. Please plan accordingly. Parents are also encouraged to stand with younger students until they board the bus for safety reasons.

Additional Inquiries

For displaced families, or those who need a new school assignment, please call the MNPS Customer Service Center at (615) 259-INFO (4636) for information, assistance with school enrollment, free and reduced meals, school clothing, or transportation needs. The center will be open from noon – 5 p.m., Sunday, May 9, and as early as 5:30 a.m., Monday, May 10. Parents are also encouraged to check www.mnps.org. The site will be updated regularly throughout the weekend.

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Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools serve more than 76,000 students with the goal of being the first choice for families in Nashville and Davidson County. The governing body for MNPS is the Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County Board of Public Education, a nine-member group elected by residents of Metropolitan Nashville. For more information, please visit www.mnps.org.