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Dear Parent(s),

The State of Michigan under Section 21f of the State School Aid Act has launched the choice for parents to request that their student(s), in grades 5-12, be enrolled in no more than two (2) online courses in place of a currently scheduled course. Clawson Public Schools supports online learning, and as a District, we pride ourselves on forward movement on innovative uses of technology to support learning. Our solid history of meaningful and deep learning that takes place across the district with highly qualified Clawson teachers is noteworthy and impressive in terms of our accomplishments and student growth. However, we encourage parents to consider carefully if a 100% online course is ideal for their child given the fact that they will be forfeiting face-to-face teacher classroom instruction and support.

The Section 21f option will be available starting second semester of the current 2013-14 school year. Parents should carefully consider the unique qualities of their child when investigating if an online class is right for them. These factors include:

- Can your child create and maintain a study schedule with face-to-face interaction of a teacher?
- Can your child self-advocate seeking help within a virtual setting?
- Does your child possess the independent study habits needed to complete an entire course online without direct supervision?
- Does your child have the reading, writing, math, and computer literacy skills to succeed in a class that is completely online?
- Additional information is contained with the Parent Guide to Online Learning
http://media.mivu.org/institute/pdf/parent_guide_2013.pdf

It is important to note that this option is limited to choices available from the online classes that are listed within the state online course catalog (<https://micourses.org>). While all of these classes have been reviewed from each sponsoring local district, these courses may not necessarily meet the rigor of courses for Clawson Public Schools from a credit or graduation requirement perspective and are, therefore, subject to administrative approval. Additionally, availability of courses is not guaranteed. Courses may have a class size limit, and should that limit be exceeded, students will be placed into the course on a lottery basis.

Should you request that your child participate in the online experience please note the following:

- The highly qualified teacher providing content for the course will only be available remotely via email or possibly phone and will not be a Clawson Public Schools employee.
- Students will work independently outside of the traditional classroom setting and will not be present with their current teacher or classmates during that subject.
- Students will be monitored by a Clawson Public Schools staff member.
- Changes to the existing students schedule could be made.
- If approved, both parent and student must agree to the 21f Online Learning Course Contract

Parents who wish to enroll their child in this learning option for second semester of the 2013-14 school year will need to send in their request by February 14, 2014. Parents should use the Online Course Request Form found on the district website. Enrollment in this program for the 2014-15 school year will follow the established course selection timeline at the secondary level.

Should you have any additional questions about online learning opportunities or would like to further discuss the online option, please contact your child's principal or assistant principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monique Beels". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Monique Beels
Superintendent, Clawson Public Schools