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From the Desk of Amy W. Thompson, Superintendent of Monroe County Schools

The Monroe County School District has been approved to participate in the Non-Traditional Instruction program designed by the Kentucky Department of Education. This is a growing initiative throughout the state of Kentucky. During the 2014-2015 school year less than 20 school districts took advantage of this opportunity. For the 2015-2016 school year, Monroe County is one of 44 school districts that will allow students to learn from home on days that school is called off due to weather, sickness, etc. During the 2014 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly, [House Bill 211](#) was passed and signed into law.

The name of the NTI program in Monroe County is MCSD@Home. The program allows school districts to be eligible for up to 10 instructional days. Therefore, if we miss 10 or fewer days, each of these days will be MCSD@Home days. Which will allow us to maintain our approved calendar that is passed each spring by the local board of education. Our hope is that we will be able to avoid having to add days to the end of the school calendar or use days during scheduled breaks. However, if we miss more than 10 school days, we will have to make those up by adjusting the school calendar.

The goal of MCSD@Home is to provide a rigorous educational learning experience outside of the regular classroom. Learning can take place in a variety of settings and with well-planned lessons, learning can continue on MCSD@Home days. There will be 10 lessons prepared and sent home with students. The first seven lessons will be centered on the Leader In Me 7 Habits that students have learned and practiced. Lessons 8, 9 and 10 will focus on the program review areas which are writing, arts and humanities and practical living. For grades k-5, the 10 day packet will be sent home with the students in their backpacks on November 16, 2015. Middle and high school packets will be mailed home. All instructional material related to MCSD@Home days will be available at www.monroe.kyschools.us at the MCSD@Home link. In order for the Monroe County School District to be in compliance with KDE, students must complete the work assigned to them. If a student is unable to complete the work due to lack of supplies or unavoidable circumstances, they will have a few more days to complete it after returning to school. Teachers will be available via email or phone to provide help for students. Students may call their school if they need help with their assignments.

On November 18, 2015 at 4:30pm at the Monroe County Board of Education there will be a public forum, to answer questions about the MCSD@Home program. You may also go to the KDE link provided to learn more about the non-traditional instruction program.

<http://education.ky.gov/school/innov/Pages/Non-Traditional-Instruction.aspx>