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**Independent School District 625**  
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January 11, 2021

Dear Murray Parents/Guardians,

I am messaging as a reminder around 3 opportunities.

## **1 - Murray/Como Senior High School Parent/Student Forum**

**TONIGHT - Monday January 11 from 6:00PM-7:00PM.**

Murray, in partnership with Como Senior High School, will be hosting our annual Como Parent/Student Forum. This is an opportunity for 8th grade families to meet with and ask questions of Principal Morris along with Ashley Rignell - Counselor for 9th graders, Kia Thao - Academy of Finance counselor and Jamie Hoffman - Como Parent Liaison. Please join us for this informational event and meet the team that will be supporting your student's transition to high school.

**Please note - This is a virtual event. Use your student's iPad to access the online meeting.**

**We will begin promptly at 6:00PM with a brief introduction of Como Senior High School and then follow up with opportunities for questions of the Como staff.**

Here is the link to the meeting.

Click this link -

[Join with Google Meet](#)

[meet.google.com/pdc-xjcv-vby](https://meet.google.com/pdc-xjcv-vby)

Meeting ID

[meet.google.com/pdc-xjcv-vby](https://meet.google.com/pdc-xjcv-vby)

Phone Numbers

(US) +1 443-671-8380

PIN: 704 765 205#

## **2 - Materials Pick-up Continues**

For each student, we still have **1 iPad Stylus and 1 pair of earbuds with earbud pouch** available for pickup! The Stylus is a helpful tool to better utilize the touch screen of the iPad and the earbuds can be **very** useful when helping the student focus at home to hear the teacher or the lessons being delivered if there are any distractions around them. We invite you to swing through Murray and come pick up your FREE learning tools. The pick-up windows are as follows:

1. Thursday January 14 - Time 10AM-3PM
2. Friday January 15 - Time 10AM-3PM
3. Thursday January 21 - Time 10AM-3PM
4. Friday January 22 - Time 10AM-3PM

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Simply pull into the parking lot and follow the colored cones for traffic patterns and we will have staff waiting at one of our entrances to bring the kits to your car. Please remain in your vehicle as this is a full service pick-up. Additionally, at this time, you can pick up your FREE school supply kit if you have not already done so. Simply let our staff know that you need a school supply kit as well as your Stylus and Earbuds.

### **3 - School Choice and Enrollment Season is Here!**

Please visit the link below to see information regarding enrollment, open houses and deadlines. The PRIORITY deadline for 21/22 applications is Friday, March 5th.

[Link to School Choice Information](#)

Your Co-Pilot,

Jamin McKenzie

Principal, Murray Middle School

#### **Resources**

**SPPS ONE STOP for various needs and solutions - <https://www.spps.org/ONESTOP>**

Murray website - <https://www.spps.org/murray>

Nurse - Diana Dishop ([Diana.Dishop@spps.org](mailto:Diana.Dishop@spps.org))

Counselor (Schedule questions) - Lisa Engelstad ([Lisa.Engelstad@spps.org](mailto:Lisa.Engelstad@spps.org))

Counselor (Schedule questions) - Lashay Whittaker ([Lashay.Whittaker@spps.org](mailto:Lashay.Whittaker@spps.org))

Social Worker (Special Education Questions)- Pam Lombardi ([Pam.Lombardi@spps.org](mailto:Pam.Lombardi@spps.org))

Social Worker (Special Education Questions)- Jessie Phillips ([Jessie.Phillips@spps.org](mailto:Jessie.Phillips@spps.org))

Principal - Jamin McKenzie ([Jamin.McKenzie@spps.org](mailto:Jamin.McKenzie@spps.org))

Assistant Principal - Michelle Bierman ([Michelle.Bierman@spps.org](mailto:Michelle.Bierman@spps.org))

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**Technology Info. - <https://www.spps.org/Page/39811>**