



ST. MICHAEL - ALBERTVILLE SCHOOLS

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April 2021

Dear families,

Over the past few years, a team of STMA staff has been working on an application to the Minnesota Department of Education to provide online learning programming. During the 2019-20 school year, the district was approved for a 9-12 Supplemental Program. This means that St. Michael-Albertville students could supplement up to two classes during the school day with online courses through our program. This also allowed the district to offer summer opportunities for students to take online Physical Education and/or Health courses.

This past year has provided the district with an opportunity to see that many students and families want or need online or distance learning options in the future. Because of this need, the district applied to the state for a Comprehensive 7-12 Online Program. STMA is pleased to announce that the Minnesota Department of Education has approved our application. This approval means that while we will still offer supplemental classes, we can now offer **full time online school** for students in grades 7-12! This program will be available to all STMA students and also to all students across the state of Minnesota in grades 7-12. This will be the distance learning option for students 7-12.

In March, a survey was sent to STMA families who chose full time distance learning as their preferred learning model. Based on the results and feedback, the district realized that there is also a need to have online options for students in grades K-6 as well. The district is currently working on an expansion application to include grades K-6 as part of STMA Online's Comprehensive Program. Our goal is to have this be the distance learning option for students in grades K-6 starting in the 2021-2022 school year..

What does that mean for STMA families? Pending MDE approval, STMA will have a K-12 Online program for those families who want or need this option. If you are interested in learning more, please visit the STMA Online website at <https://www.stma.k12.mn.us/domain/4640>

Finally, STMA Online will be having an in-person and virtual open house on May 12th. The virtual open house will be from 5-6 pm. You can join using this link: <https://meet.google.com/ugg-gong-hom?hs=122&authuser=0>
The in person open house will be from 6-7pm in the Community Ed building on the 3rd floor.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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