

MORCS Executive Administrator Board Report

4.27.2020



I. Technology Access for all Students

On Thursday, 4/23/2020 and Friday, 4/23/2020, we **distributed 117 chromebooks** to families in need, while practicing appropriate Social Distancing protocols. Our updated count reveals the following data:

MORCS Total Enrollment	356
Access to Technology (Before Distribution)	61%
Access to Technology (After Distribution)	94%
Wireless Internet Access	96%

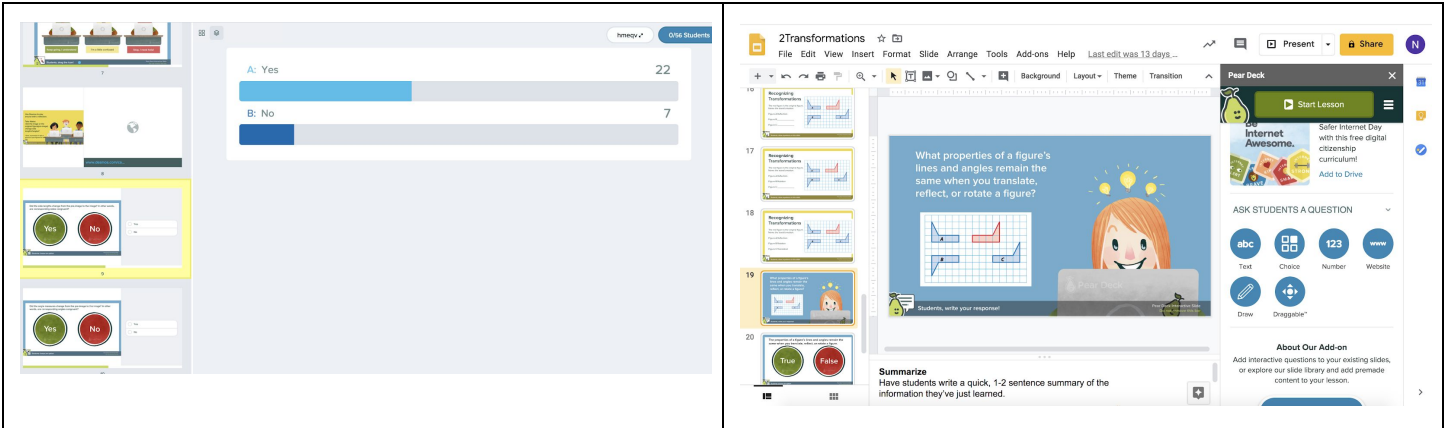
Our Operations Team is working diligently to support the remaining families in picking up chromebooks from the school and in accessing free and/or affordable wireless internet.

II. Distance Learning Update

MORCS is proud to be in our **6th week of Distance Learning!** Teachers are continuing to employ online instructional tools such as iReady, Achieve 3000, Khan Academy, Kahoot, Quizizz, padlet, Google Jam, Google Docs, Screencastify, and many more resources to keep students engaged with distance learning. Within the last two weeks, teachers have particularly gotten proficient at utilizing NearPod and Peardeck to enhance the interactive nature of their lessons to increase engagement and the ability to continually assess student progress towards mastering daily learning objectives.

Screenshots of Peardeck being used to collect **real-time formative assessment data** in 8th grade Math:





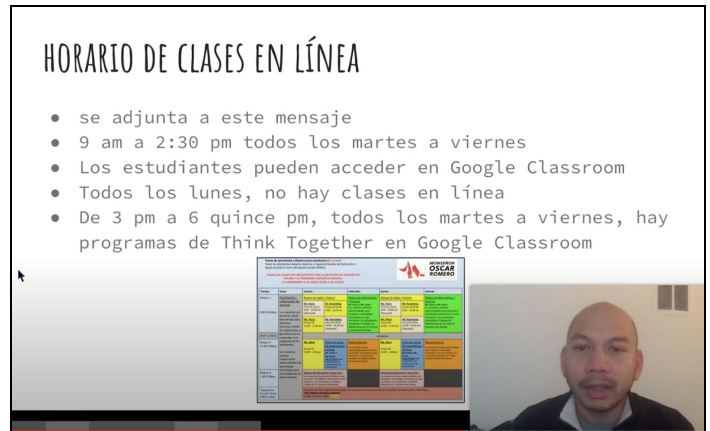
III. Communication with Families

We are planning a YPICS-Wide “Cafe con los Directores” on April 28th, using the platform CrowdCast. This is an opportunity for parents to ask questions to all YPICS leaders and also to ask parents to recruit other families who are looking to enroll their students in grade 6 or 9 next year.

Our team has been doing the following to communicate with parents/students:

- Sending video messages to parents in English and Spanish to ensure parents are supporting our efforts to have our students attend classes
- Making individual parent calls each day when students are absent to online class
- EA (principal) has been emailing all students on a weekly basis to provide updates, to set high expectations for attendance, and to answer student questions

Video message to parents:



IV. Staff Communication

Staff continue to meet 3 times weekly on **Google Meet** to check-in, receive updates, and share success stories and challenges! Last Monday (4/20), MORCS ELA and Math teachers attended an online session with **iReady** representatives to ensure that they are fully equipped to utilize all components of the iReady online suite.

Next Monday (4/27), MORCS teachers will receive training from representatives from **NearPod** and **Flocabulary**, in order to enhance formative assessment, engagement, and literacy instruction in all classes.

Samples of staff check-in comments are below:

