

The Weekly Warrior

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RMSD Update

Dr. Bickert
Superintendent

This was another difficult week for the state of New Mexico. As the Governor announced yesterday, our state's Covid-19 numbers continue to move in the wrong direction. Given these statistics, the teams at the PED and DoH do not have any plans in place for the imminent return of middle and high school students. Pre-K through 5th grade hybrid models, as well as small group instruction for special education students, are still approved to remain open at this time.

Recently, both locally and statewide, there has been social media commentary that communication regarding positive Covid-19 cases is not transparent enough. What I can share from our District is that upon receiving any notice of a positive test result or a potential close contact with a positive case, our contact tracing protocols go into effect and every single identified close contact is notified. Additionally, we have multiple state reporting requirements (ED, DoH, and PED) and short timelines in which to complete these reporting requirements. The sharing of more specific health information by the District, beyond that to close contacts, is not permissible under federal (HIPPA and FERPA) laws. I want to assure our community that we are extremely sensitive to health information, and we follow Covid-19 tracing and reporting protocols with fidelity.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of Warrior Nation through these trying times. "Don't Stop Believin"! *Dr.B.*

UPCOMING

Pre-K – 5th grade students continue Blue/Gold in-person learning!

6th - 12th grade students continue remote learning.

SHOUT OUTS

To everyone who continues wearing masks, following social distancing, and washing hands often. These actions help mitigate virus spread and help keep everyone safe! Let's do our part to reverse Lincoln County's Covid-19 data.

Sharing the Good News!

SVP Shout Outs: Thank you to our parents for the tremendous support of both in-person and online learning! More students are returning to school and we are averaging over 5,000 SeeSaw interactions per week! Keep up the great work Wee Warriors!

WME Shout Outs: Thank you students and parents! As we started a new 9-weeks' grading period, we experienced both an increase in-person enrollment and in total assignment completion! Thank you staff for continuing your efforts to support the social/emotional needs of students and families.

Be Kind to Your Mind



RMS: Math teacher Layne Holland shared the following: My instructional videos are having a positive effect! Two moms are "sitting on their boys" as they watch my class and take notes. They just turned in assignments for the first time! Several students decided to stay on Zoom and hang out, chat with, and work together with their friends. For the first time, it felt almost like a real classroom!

RHS Shout Outs: RHS students Connor Chase and Nautyka Speigner for scoring 1's (highest score) in the first state virtual choir solo competitions! RHS Student Council is taking the lead in supporting social/emotional health in our community. President Jennifer Friberg designed the graphic (shown above) to align with the slogan, "Be Kind to Your Mind." The Council will provide new projects and activities each week. For more information, check out the RHS Facebook page.