

The Weekly Warrior

August 21, 2020

RMSD Update

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Superintendent

Yesterday, Human Services Secretary, Dr. David Scrase announced that New Mexico is meeting all gating criteria to move forward with the reopening process. He phrased it as “green bars all around.” Similarly, RMSD is receiving “green bars all around” when it comes to our roll out and implementation of remote learning in the District.

While I have had a few conversations from parents wanting more information from their child’s school, the vast majority of comments have been overwhelmingly positive and supportive of everything our Warrior Nation team has done and continues to do. I had a parent tell me that at RMS, “it only took me 8 minutes to get our Chromebook and I feel that my child is ready to go.” A 4 year old from the Dinosaur class told me how excited she is to start school and her parents expressed great satisfaction with the orientation process. Another 4 year old, this one, a Shark, shared that he wants to be in school “now” and his goal is to “learn how to read!”

What We Know

Remote Learning: While not our ideal or even preferred instructional modality, we are reaching our students. Over 1,425 students from WME, RMS and RHS actively participated in instruction this week, with many positives and some challenges too!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Remote Learning for all continues

Special Education students (K-12) begin returning August 24th

Labor Day Holiday is September 7th

Pre-K – 5th grade students scheduled to begin returning in Hybrid Sept. 8th

6th – 12th grade students scheduled to begin returning in Hybrid Oct. 13th

What We Know (continued)

Special Education(K-12) students: Special Education students are scheduled to begin returning to in-person learning on Monday, August 24, 2020.

Pre-K students: Much to the displeasure of my Dinosaur and Shark friends, Pre-K students begin returning Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Food Services: Over 95,000 meals provided since March!



What We Don't Know

Future: Will the recent decision by the Albuquerque Public School Board to remain remote for the first semester have statewide implications? It is my hope that it does not as we are so different in almost every regard.

Board of Education Thank you

On Tuesday, the Board of Education (Luther Light, President; Marc Beatty, Vice President; Carrie Chavez, Secretary; Shane Holder, Member; and Wally Murillo, Member) held its annual retreat. Prior to adjourning for the day, they wanted to make sure that I shared with every staff member that they are incredibly grateful, appreciative, and proud of the work everyone has done to provide high-quality remote learning opportunities for our students while we continue preparing for their return.

Have a great weekend everyone. *Dr. B.*