

The Weekly Warrior

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RMSD Update

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Yesterday, during Governor Lujan-Grisham's Covid-19 press conference, Public Education Department (PED) Secretary Ryan Stewart provided updated requirements for school districts to reopen. There are four broad measures that must be met for reopening:

- 1) The state must be meeting statewide gating criteria. (NM is!)
- 2) The individual county must be "green," which means that the county must have an average daily case count under 8 per 100,000 and a test positivity rate under 5%. (Lincoln is!)
- 3) The individual school district must have its reentry plan submitted and approved by the PED. (RMSD does!)
- 4) The individual district must have safety and support plans in place. (RMSD does!)

The Secretary also discussed what PED is doing to help support districts and what periodic school closure scenarios could look like. You may view the entire press conference here:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/GovMLG/videos/>

What We Know

Special Education (K-12) students: Over 50 special education students returned to in-person learning this week! Seeing students in our schools was a welcome sight and also brought some semblance of normalcy, which we haven't had since March.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Remote Learning for all continues

In-person Learning for Special Education students (K-12) continues

Labor Day Holiday is Monday, September 7th

Pre-K – 5th grade students scheduled to begin returning in Hybrid Sept. 8th (provided Lincoln County remains "green").

6th – 12th grade students scheduled to begin returning in Hybrid Oct. 13th (provided all four measures are still being met).

What We Know (continued)

Pre-K students: My Dinosaur and Shark friends (and the Zebras and Elephants) will be much happier this week as we can confirm that all Pre-K students will be attending all four (4) days each week during the hybrid phase, beginning Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Remote Learning: In April and May, "remote learning" received negative reviews from all sides statewide (staff, students, and parents). While still not our ideal instructional modality, the current reviews are in stark contrast with positives strongly outnumbering the negatives. mile! In terms of participation since Monday, SVP (Pre-K through 2nd grade) has had over 5,600 student entries on its Seesaw platform!

Food Services: Over 99,000 meals provided since March!



What We Don't Know

Deadline/timeline on "Green": Despite defining "green", Secretary Stewart did not specify any deadlines/timelines associated with "green" status. To that end, it is possible that our current reopening timeline still could change or be disrupted.

Shout out to SPED!

Thank you to Director of Special Education, Dr. Torres, special education teachers, educational assistants, and all special education ancillary and support staff for a successful start to in-person learning for our students!

"Don't Stop Believin" and have a great weekend! Dr. B.