

The Weekly Warrior

September 11, 2020

RMSD Update

Dr. Bickert
Superintendent

September 11, 2001, I was in my classroom at Cartersville Middle School talking about “author’s purpose” with my special education students, when my classroom phone rang. “Turn on your TV now,” said the voice. We turned on the television just as a plane crashed through the second of the Twin Towers. Nineteen years later, one of the enduring memories of that time for me is how we came together as a country. I felt as if we were all in something together.

Those were dark and difficult days after that fateful day. In some ways, Covid-19 has made 2020 seem similar. I want each of you to know that I am very proud of how Warrior nation and our community have combined efforts to press forward together. I cannot thank you enough for the uplifting words and thoughtful gestures we’ve experienced over the past several difficult months. We will continue to see challenges, but in the meantime, I look forward to our combined efforts to support our students and community in the most positive ways possible moving forward. We are in this together!

“Don’t Stop Believin” and have a safe weekend!

Dr. B.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

6th - 12th grade students continue remote learning.

Monday, October 12th, Indigenous People’s Day – District Holiday

Tuesday, October 13th, 6th – 12th grade students tentatively scheduled to return to Blue/Gold in-person learning!

What We Know

Positive Start: On Tuesday, we welcomed back over 260 Pre-K – 5th grade students as part of the Blue Hybrid learning group and over 265 students on Thursday and Friday in the Gold Hybrid group! Kudos and thank you to all SVP and WME staff members!

Change is constant: Last Thursday, PED released their Covid-19 Response Toolkit for NM Elementary Schools which contained significant changes along the lines of face masks instead of face shields, upgrades to HVAC systems and a requirement to “surveillance test” 5% of staff in reopened schools. To quote REO Speedwagon, we will “continue to roll with the changes.”



What We Don't Know

Surveillance testing: As this edition goes to print, we have not received further clarification regarding requirements surrounding “surveillance testing.”

Next Toolkit: We have not been provided any information about the release of the Secondary Schools Covid-19 Response Toolkit.

Shout outs:

RMSD Support Staff: At each of our school sites we have staff members going above and beyond on a daily basis making phone calls and home visits to support our students and families in need. We couldn’t possibly list each person by name, but please know that your efforts to support the social/emotional needs of our students and families are greatly appreciated and acknowledged!