

The Weekly Warrior

September 4, 2020

RMSD Update

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Superintendent

Yesterday, we received the final “green” light from Public Education Department (PED) Secretary Ryan Stewart regarding reopening our schools. We will begin welcoming primary and elementary students back beginning Tuesday, September 8, 2020 in the hybrid model. Ruidoso Middle and High School students will begin returning on Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

There was also one significant change that was associated with this news. From June until yesterday, reopening guidelines had allowed “face coverings,” which meant that “face shields” were acceptable. However, in aligning with the most recent New Mexico Department of Health recommendations, which came out on August 28, 2020, PED is now also mandating “face masks” be worn. We still have face shields available for any student who wishes to wear a face shield along with their face mask.

What We Know

Special Education (K-12) students: We have had a very positive two (2) weeks with special education students in buildings!

Hybrid = Blue and Gold: Our students who will be returning on Mondays and Tuesdays are our BLUE group; while students returning on Thursdays and Fridays are our GOLD group.

What We Know (continued)

Remote Learning: The positive responses and comments from all grade levels continue to pour in! Compliments have been received concerning instruction, videos, and even with regards to student assignments.

Food Services: We officially surpassed 100,000 meals provided since March!



What We Don't Know

Timeline on return of middle and high school students: Secretary Stewart also shared a disclaimer that PED could extend the date(s) that middle and high school students could return to in-person learning. We are hopeful that if Lincoln County continues as “green” that our timeframe will not be altered.

Shout outs:

Pre-K staff: Thank you to the entire Pre-K team for organizing a very successful, last-minute orientation. All our Pre-K students were able to visit their classrooms while parents observed from outside.

RMSD staff: As mentioned above, remote learning has been a significantly more positive experience for our students and families. Thank you to everyone in Warrior Nation for your commitment to our students and each other everyday!

“Don’t Stop Believin” and have a safe and wonderful holiday weekend! *Dr. B.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Labor Day Holiday is Monday, September 7th

Pre-K – 5th grade students return to school in Hybrid beginning Tuesday, September 8th !

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