The Weekly Warrior

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RMSD Update

Dr. Bickert Superintendent

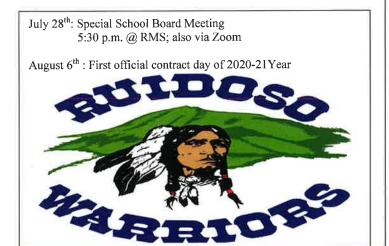
As has been "normal" since March, I think I need to preface everything that follows with, "everything is subject to change and more information is still to be determined and forthcoming."

Yesterday (July 23, 2020), Governor Lujan-Grisham annonuced that New Mexico public schools could not begin in-person classes via a "hybrid" model until September 8, 2020, at the earliest. She also prefaced her remarks saying that "things could change." Local school districts do have the obligation and leeway to determine when and how to start the school year via remote/online learning. The RMSD Calendar Committee reconvened and has come up with two proposed calendars for the Board of Education to consider at Tuesday night's Special Board Meeting.

In short, both calendars set forth additional days in August for staff to receive professional development so that we may better reach and teach our students remotely. The difference between the calendar proposals is that Option 1, shows the District beginning the Hybrid-reopening on September 8, 2020; while Option 2, delays reopening until the beginning of the 2nd grading period on October 13, 2020. (Both calendars will be included in messages or postings of this document.)

The Governor and Public Eductaion Department Officials have also indicated that districts may develop options for bringing (continued)

UPCOMING EVENTS



RMSD Update (continued)

some groups of students (Special Education, Pre-K, K-3) back to in-person classes before September 8, 2020. Our Reopening Task Force Work Groups will be looking into the logistics surrounding the options that are available to us.

Pre-K: The District would like to have Pre-K students return to school as normal as possible under the allowable conditions. This would also enable our partner, Region IX Head Start, to have students return as well. We know having Pre-K and Head Start operate as normally as possible will help many of our working parents and reduce some community pressure regarding childcare services.

Special Education: Current regulations only allow a 5-to-1 student-to-teacher ratio and our special education professional staff will be reviewing Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and making recommendations regarding direct services that can be provided in-person.

Food Services: We continue to provide meals via Grab-n-Go at WME and along bus service routes. To date, we have provided over 83,000 meals! Thank you Director Lane, the Food Services Team and the Linclon Transportation Team! Additionally, our BackPack Food partners have continued providing weekend meals.

Building Safety: As most of you know, our Board prioritized student and staff safety by authorizing the purchase of UV LightStrike Robots. The robots have been received and will begin sanitizing our facilities as soon as next week!

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): The District has already made significant purchases of PPE such that every staff member will be provided face shields and/or masks upon request. Additional PPE may be requested of school-site nurses/health assistants. The District will also be providing students, who need them, with face shields and/or masks upon their return.

Informational Updates: The District will continue to communicate information via the webpage, Facebook, robocalls and text messaging and with this edition, *The Weekly Warrior* will return to being a weekly communication tool.

Thank you to the entirety of Warrior Nation for your support and dedication during these trying times! Dr. Bickert

RMSD 2020-21 Calendar Ruidoso Municipal School District

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