

# *Superintendent Report*

Week of 06-08-2020

## **Update:**

- **Summer Lunch Program:** From June 4 through August 28, MSD will continue to distribute grab and go meals (lunch and breakfast) at Lena Whitmore Elementary School from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Meals will not be distributed on Friday, July 3. The current process for meals pick up at Lena Whitmore will remain in effect throughout the summer.
- **MHS Graduation:** Moscow High School Graduation Ceremony will take place on Friday, June 19 at 7:00pm at the Kibbie Dome parking lot. It will be a drive-in movie arrangement with a couple of big video walls and an FM transmitter for car radios. We will not be able to stream the ceremony, but it will be videoed and posted on the school's website and/or YouTube. (Note: we are currently checking with University of Idaho and city officials to see if we can allow students to walk across the stage and pick up their diploma case. Actual diplomas will be distributed Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>).
- **Adventure Club Summer Program Cancellation:** The temporary closure of the Adventure Club Summer Program for summer 2020 was decided at the May Board of Trustees Board Meeting. After reviewing the results of the parent survey sent to all past users of the summer program, it was determined that it would be better not to have the summer program during this summer break due to reduced interest and complications in providing the needed safety procedures with the current staff. The Adventure Club is planning to be back in operation when school starts September 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **COVID-19 Start of School Fall 2020:** We will soon be sending an email out to parents containing a survey with questions regarding possible school re-entry conditions and instructional formats (COVID-19) for the fall school year. Please take the time to complete the survey. Our goal is to find a reasonable solution that meets the comfort level of students and their parents and still assures a high level of safety for all our students, staff, and guests that enter our facilities.

We appreciate the feedback we received from parents from the two previous surveys completed during the recent soft closure of schools. Your comments, recommendations, and encouragement are appreciated. We know the instructional implementation wasn't perfect, but I'm proud of how our staff worked to do their best for your kids when there was minimal time to prepare for something we never dealt with before.

Our building administrators were recently tasked with getting the perspective of their staff of what worked and didn't work during the soft closure. This discussion at the building level, along with a recent survey sent to the instructional staff, asked for feedback of what components would be of value to them in a Learning Management

System (LMS). This LMS would provide the single platform that parents stated was needed in their survey responses. This single platform would make it easier for students and parents in accessing work from school and communicate with all of their instructors. The LMS would be used during in school sessions, as well as distance learning sessions if needed.

More information will be provided throughout the summer. As we get nearer to the start of the school year and we have more information from health officials and other officials we will be able to solidify the plan. Our current goal is to have our buildings open for students to return on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. However, please note that there will be precautions implemented for the safety of all.

- **Contact:** Please contact me if you have further questions or concerns [gbailey@msd281.org](mailto:gbailey@msd281.org) or (208) 892-1139

### **District Shout Out:**

- To the students who have had their world shaken up due to the COVID-19 crisis. During my daily walks, I'm happy to see smiles on faces of others taking walks and hear the playful laughter of kids outside playing.
- To the parents who have worked diligently to help their children in completing their schoolwork, and still trying to complete all their other daily tasks during the school soft-closure.
- To the school staff members who provided the extra effort in providing ongoing communication with their students during the soft closure.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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