

Superintendent's Parent Report

04-20-2020

Update:

- Lena Whitmore Instructors, Tiffany Ringo and Lacey Watkins, will be providing lessons on PBS TV for students throughout Idaho. This access was provided through a joint effort of Idaho Public TV (IPTV), Idaho State Department of Education (SDE), and Idaho Businesses for Education. Tiffany will be in charge of the first week of 3rd grade content (which started airing today). Lacey is in charge of the second week of 4th grade content (which starts airing the following Monday). IPTV & the SDE have rounded up a virtual staff to teach 3rd-6th grade for the next 6 weeks. Students can access it live through IPTV signals & on-demand through the IPTV YouTube channel. Please visit the following site for more information and broadcast times. <https://www.idahoptv.org/learn/distanceLearning/classroomIdaho/>
- Last week, the Idaho State Board of Education determined the reentry criteria that should be in place for school districts to reopen ([See Attachment](#)).
- On Friday, the Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA) formally closed all IHSAA school activities for the remainder of the school year ([See Attachment](#)).
- We have received our System Accreditation report and it will be posted on our website this Thursday (www.msd281.org). We received full accreditation for our district. We appreciate all the input we received for this report and we are proud of all the positive areas the accreditation review team identified and look forward to working with our stakeholders to improve in areas that could be improved upon.
- Another “How Are We Doing” survey will be sent to parents this Friday. The last survey gave us some great information by identifying areas we are doing well in and areas that we needed to tweak. As you can guess, making changes as during these unprecedented times is like changing a tire on a car while its moving down the highway so please bear with us.
- Grading: Below will be the grading recommendations being presented to the Board of Trustees for approval on Wednesday. These grading standards are during the period of soft-closure only and grading will revert to the grading system used prior to the soft-closure.
 - Elementary Grading Proposal: The elementary principals would like to propose the following in regard to second semester grading and reporting due to the COVID 19 soft-closure:
 - ✓ All students are graded in a pass/fail manner.
 - ✓ Only students receiving a “failing” grade would be the students who are not recommended for promotion to the next grade (this retention process would have started prior to the soft-closure).
 - ✓ Report cards would be printed out to reflect quarter 1 and 2 performance and the instructor would check the box indicating the child was promoted to the next grade level (a statement will be inserted on each report card stating, “Only quarter 1 and 2 grades are reported due to the COVID 19 closure”).

- ✓ Those Report Cards would be printed and placed into each student's cumulative folder and mailed home at the end of the school year.
- Secondary Grading Proposal: The secondary principals recommend the following grading system for spring semester of 2020 only.
 - ✓ Students will continue to earn letter grades for the spring semester of 2020. Students facing extenuating circumstances may request changing to a Pass/Fail grading system. Teachers and counselors may also recommend this change. The goal of this change is to protect grade point averages, to help struggling students stay on track for graduation and to support students through this difficult time.
 - ✓ Dual credit classes will continue to be graded as required by the partner university.

District Shout Out:

- MHS: Stephanie Sant & Leah Dahl Memories
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2_F1M55ewN8&fbclid=IwAR2ouhylKYjo7Ej8t5CpjkRdB_PXXBsn_SLFPkNhVAW1g0wMqyD4daG5GR-M
- Russell: Craig Allen's Radio Show – The Movie
<https://www.wevideo.com/view/1628840700>
- Lena: Lena Staff "That Everything is going to be Alright!"
<https://vimeo.com/406223896>
 Password: Lena
- WPE: Brian Smith "Monday Motivation"
<https://animoto.com/play/ojl7xxzh7WjWfLCcNwSu0w?autostart=1>

Superintendent's Calendar Highlights: (All Meetings Web-Based)

- Governor's K-12 Emergency Council Meeting – As Needed
- Administrators' Council Meeting – As Needed
- Region II Superintendents' Meeting - Mondays and Thursdays
- Interest Based Bargaining (IBB) - Tuesday, 3:00pm
- MSD's April Board Meeting - Wednesday, 7:00pm.
- Chamber of Commerce Executive Meeting – Update on MSD 281

Just for Smiles:

- If you have been doing a lot of online conferencing recently, I think you will enjoy the following YouTube Clip.
https://youtu.be/DYu_bGbZiiQ

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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