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## Sierra Grande School District R-30

Dear Parents/Guardians,

With Thanksgiving behind us and the holiday season in full swing, I am grateful for the opportunity to communicate to our parents and community on some of the great events that are transpiring at Sierra Grande School District. It is going to be a very busy month of December, culminating with exciting activities before we head for Winter Break. The holiday season offers so much to celebrate and it is my hope that our students, staff, families, and communities will feel and receive the blessings of the season.

I am elated to share with you some thrilling news concerning events and activities that will signify the end of an era in our school district and open the doors to a new era for our students, staff, parents, and community. The dream of a new school is so close you can smell it like cotton candy in the air at a carnival, and it has come to fruition through the efforts of so many that I could not begin to identify those responsible for this accomplishment. I would also like to mention that our new school would not be possible without the support of our parents and local tax contributions. Thank you for realizing the heart and future of our communities is nurtured and guaranteed through our school. Speaking of exciting events and thrilling news, On Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. the Sierra Grande School District students, parents, staff, and community will celebrate the official opening of the new school with a ribbon cutting ceremony. We would love to have you join our students, staff, board of education, and professional consultants as we celebrate this historic event in our community, regionally, and in the state. Additional information concerning this event will be published in the next couple of weeks.

On a related note, with celebration in the air, we want to ensure that parents are aware of changes to the 2021-2022 School Calendar. With final dates associated with the completion and transition to the new school in place, the Board of Education has approved the updated school calendar to reflect this timeline. The updated 2021-2022 School Calendar is posted on the school website and attached to this letter. A change to note on the updated school calendar is that students return to school on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> instead of Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> due to a week of moving into the new school. This is going to be Awesome!

If you are wondering, will I ever get to see the old school again, or when are they going to offer more tours of the new school? I have great news for you as there will be opportunities in the near future to do both. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer notification previewing some great events as we say goodbye to the old school and say hello to the future home of Sierra Grande School District. As a matter of clarification, the new school facility will be complete, but the sports complex including the football stadium and baseball field will not be completed until next summer, after the old school has been demolished and removed from school property.

Events to be a part of include a goodbye celebration in honor of Dunn's Gym on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> which will also kickoff the Silent Auction that will begin on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> and end on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Sports memorabilia, trophies, banners, old uniforms, and sports equipment that will not be moving to the new school will be offered for bid on Friday with other various school furniture and equipment offered to the public on Friday through Saturday. Please review the flyer for specific dates and times of the auction and events.

Finally, I want to express on behalf of the Sierra Grande Staff and Board of Education the appreciation we have for our community and the sacrifices of many that make future events such as these possible as well as ensuring our school district a great place to learn for generations to come. As a reminder, please follow the school website, social media, and school mailings for additional information concerning upcoming events. Enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday and we look forward to seeing you in a few weeks.

Sincerely,

Darren Edgar  
Superintendent of Schools

