



Sierra Grande School District R-30



Dear Parent/Guardian of Sierra Grande Student,

In behalf of the Board of Education and Sierra Grande School District Staff, I would like to begin by expressing our support, thoughts, prayers, and hope to the families of our school district. The purpose of this message is to inform you of extended dates for school closures in Colorado and share some general information concerning changes in school district support and programming.

Sierra Grande School District, acting in compliance with executive orders issued by Governor Polis on Thursday, April 2, 2020, will extend the school closure date through April 30th. This of course means that no school district in Colorado will open their doors for in-person instruction until after this date. With this in mind, I assure you that the district board of education, administration, and teaching staff are building an instructional support system that can extend to the end of the school year if needed. Based upon the daily changes issued on a state and federal levels, and the projected growth of the virus, it is possible that this decision will be made sometime in April as to the fate of reoccupying our school this year. While the hope and intent to complete the school year back in our school is real, so is the unprecedented threat that seems to be calling all of the shots right now.

On the bright side, there are many great things happening in spite of the predicament we find ourselves in. I would like to issue a gracious thank you to community volunteers who have assisted on a daily basis with the meal program for our students. Your love and support to the children of our community is well intended and much appreciated. I would like to inform parents and students that beginning Monday, April 13th the meal program will be prepared and delivered by Sierra Grande Staff. Bus stops and times for deliveries of meals will remain the same.

Another bright note and certainly worth mentioning is the growth in a system of online learning instruction and participation therein by students and parents. You have my promise that we are growing in this area and the expectations of student growth and participation are first and foremost. With this in mind and to better serve our students I would ask that all students and parents follow the prescribed plan of learning for each class or area of instruction and remember a few of the basic principles of the plan that will assist your child's growth and ensure they receive a passing and completion grade this year.

- Establish a strong reading habit on a daily basis
- Make sure you are communicating with your teacher weekly
- Complete and submit assigned classwork (paper packets as well)
- Be available for interactive lessons with teachers when they are scheduled
- Students in Grades 6-12 check your school email often as well as google classroom

Last, but not least, I want to thank the Sierra Grande Teaching Staff for their hard work the last couple of weeks in embracing this new system of providing remote learning. Thank you for your flexibility and the unwavering efforts to offer our students a great learning experience despite the circumstances.

Respectfully,


Darren Edgar
Superintendent of Schools

