

Highland Families,

Construction

We are in the final stretch of our Ault campus renovation project. Both the parent loop and the visitor parking lot are open for use. For safety reasons, we prefer use of the parent loop over parking along Highway 14 for pick up and drop off at the Ault campus. Lighting has been installed and next we have some painting, landscaping and an entrance sign off of First Avenue to install. It required 900 yards of concrete to be poured in order to complete this project.

Food Services

The USDA has extended the summer food program through December 31, 2020. This means that all students are eligible for free breakfast and lunch. The program is retroactive and our food service staff will be crediting accounts for meals that were paid for starting on August 18th.

Highland Virtual (CDLS)

Classes are up and running and we are able to view progress that our students are making online. While CDLS classes do not follow our district calendar, we are nearing the end of the first quarter for in-person learning. Originally we stated that a commitment to Highland Virtual was for the entire school year. Please contact your building principal no later than October 12th if you would like to consider returning to in-person instruction at the start of the 2nd quarter.

Covid-19

We are in week seven and have not experienced any additional positive cases since week two. We do plan to continue our hygiene and cleaning focus as well as clean air movement as long as weather allows for it. Please help at home by screening your students and review the new protocol for retuning ill students to school. The new guidelines are posted on the homepage. At the county level there are approximately 26 new cases per day and approximately 3 of those are in the 5-18 age group. Weld County monitors ten hospitals and currently only 4% of the rooms are occupied by Covid-19 patients. I should also mention that we are starting to have more activities including home football games. The format of these activities will look a bit different than they have in the past as we try to keep our families safe.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

While the parent portal is helpful, I would still encourage you to attend parent-teacher conferences. The face to face opportunity will give you a chance to get more detail. Be sure to ask about MAPS testing results which will give you information about how your student compares to those across the United States. The results will also identify specific areas that need improvement as well as areas where your student excels.