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Hello Fourteener Students, Parents and Guardians!

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! We are extremely grateful to be able to welcome all students back to our beautiful campus on September 1st! It's been nearly six months since we have had in-person instruction. We recognize that under these ever-changing conditions, our plan may need flexibility and adjustment, and we are prepared to pivot when necessary. However, our desire for in-person learning is strong; we believe our plan fosters a safe and healthy learning environment for all students and staff. In developing our plan, we worked closely with our local public health, a local task force team, the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), the Rural Alliance, Colorado Department of Public Health and have received input from teachers/staff and parents. Our plan is closely aligned with CDE's guidance with consideration for the following:

- Safety for students and staff for in-person learning.
- Minimizing disruptions to education by facilitating timely responses to COVID-19 through cohorting students and staff, screening for symptomatic individuals, and ongoing collaboration with local and state public health agencies.
- Ensuring equity in educational opportunity by considering learning and health needs of all students, including those with varying health conditions, economic backgrounds, language skills, educational and social-emotional needs.
- Flexibility, adaptation, and innovation in our plans appropriate to local contexts and as scientific knowledge about COVID-19 transmission and control develops.

As we move forward with our physical growth, we also move forward in our mindset for teaching. This year, all licensed teachers and special service providers will engage in a thorough professional development process throughout the year with regard to teaching on a block schedule and improving online instruction for all. We will also implement our federal hot lunch program with our new kitchen and our Career and Technical Education program for all MS/HS students! Our Preschool students will be back on our campus! We are all committed to expanding our learning and opportunities even in the toughest times!

Please help me in welcoming our new staff, faculty and/or new assignments:

- Jennifer Reinhardt – 5th Grade Teacher
- Mindy McClung/Caitlin Rhodes – 4th Grade Co-Teachers
- Matt Phillimore – HS and MS Career & Technical Education (HS: Architecture and 3-D Design, Robotics)
- Darren Hardy – Facility Manager
- Debbie Ediger – Kitchen Manager
- Mariah McClung – Preschool Aide
- Karen Hooper – Educational Assistant

Three key words emerge as we reflect and move forward from our 2019-2020 school year – “Reunite. Reimagine. Refocus.” Those three words keep students and education at the forefront of our actions. Reunite: coming back together, rebuilding our strong relationships, forming new relationships and working together to make the most of our in-person education. Reimagine: we reimagine how education can move forward with change and a growth mindset about how we teach and how students learn best. Refocus: we adjust our attention to our new resources, schedule and new building as we utilize the new resources and explore education in a different, yet meaningful, way.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to working with each and every one of you. Reunite. Reimagine. Refocus.

Together, we can!

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