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Sierra Grande School District R-30

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year! It is the Mission Statement of the Sierra Grande School District, “to educate all students in a safe environment, so that they can acquire the skills necessary to participate knowledgeably, successfully, and with understanding in the world.” These few words describe the school district’s primary goal and they continue to motivate the staff of Sierra Grande to guarantee these doors of opportunity are available for all students when they leave Sierra Grande School District.

As we begin the 2021-2022 School Year, I would like to especially thank the awesome staff at Sierra Grande School District who are busily working behind the scenes in preparation for the new school year. We will be ready to greet students on Wednesday, August 11th and I’m not worried. I also want to thank the board of education for their service and leadership, our students for their resilience, our parents for their patience, and our community for the continued support to the school district. We have a great school because of all of you and I am grateful to serve as your superintendent.

As students and staff return to school there is much anticipation in the air as well as a little anxiety. That’s alright, it is normal to have the feeling of eagerness to get started, yet also feel a little apprehension as to what this school year will bring. Relax, we have a great school year in store for our students and we are eager to get started. Our first initiative will be to ensure your child’s transition back into school is smooth, and our second will be to guarantee an environment that is nurturing, stimulating, engaging, rigorous, and safe. As a staff, we will also strive to create a culture that challenges the student academically and offers the tools, resources, and support to meet these standards and attain greater skills. Working together as a team of students, staff, parents, and community our students will soar to new heights this year and we can’t wait to get started.

The 2021-2022 School Year is going to be a historic and memorable year for the school district and community. Speaking of anticipation, could anything bring more anticipation than knowing our new school is almost complete. Having lived this process as a part of my life for nearly four years, I am sure you can understand the great eagerness I feel in knowing we are almost there. In a few short months we will say goodbye to our old school and move into our beautiful new school that is rising out of the foothills of Mt. Blanca. As a matter of clarification, the school will be completed in December and it looks very promising that the second semester will start in the new facility. The school district will continue to schedule tours of the new school throughout the fall and winter and will advertise the tours on the school website and social media. Yes, it is going to be a great school year, but it will be so most of all because of our students, their questions, desire to learn, their attitudes, their smiles, and their hope for the future. At Sierra Grande it is not our goal to get in their way, but to support their dreams and open doors to their learning with constructive supports and resources. I would like to dedicate this school year to our students, their dreams, our mission, and our greatest purpose which is to meet their needs, see their potential, and push them to achieve their goals.

Before I run out of room in this newsletter, I would like to briefly share some information with you that is important for students and parents as we start back to school. First, I would ask you to please read the 2021-2022 COVID 19 School Health Guidelines that have been posted on the school website and are available on social media. We ask that staff, students, parents, and visitors follow the guidelines in place, and please understand that the guidelines are subject to change and are determinant on community risks factors. In the area of student instruction, it has been determined that the school district will not offer remote learning during the 2021-2022 School Year unless a high percentage of the class has been quarantined. On another note, I would also like to inform students and parents that our daily schedule has changed and classes will begin at 7:45 a.m. this year which is five minutes earlier than previous years. This will not change bus stop times or when busses arrive at school which will continue to be 7:30 a.m.

In closing I would like to thank you for sharing your child with us this year and you have the promise of a great staff and school that we will do everything possible this year to meet their needs and provide them with the skills they need to be successful in the world as our mission statement reads.

Sincerely,

Darren Edgar
Superintendent of Schools

