



Weekly Update—Thursday, October 1, 2020

New Updates:

1. The next virtual meeting will be Wednesday, October 21, 2020 from 5:00-6:00 pm via Zoom. Here is the link:
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89749082123>
2. It is hard to believe that it is October 1st, and we are just about to wrap up the 6th full week of school. We are looking forward to all in-person students being on campus (Monday, October 5). I realize that this shift brings lots of different emotions, thoughts, and feelings. Our staff, in every role, have been working hard to prepare for this return. We will continue to evaluate and improve along the way.

In the six week of school, we have needed to quarantine 11 different cohort groups. At this point, we have not had any test positives this school year. The impacted individuals who needed to be quarantined were contacted. If there is a test positive, this information will be addressed with the community while also maintaining Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) guidelines.

I also wanted to let you know that when we first needed to quarantine a group of students, we were making phone calls to parents. We have needed to move this process to robocalls and emails. These calls and emails provide the important information related to the quarantine process and additional resources. Our best hope is that parents do not receive this communication, but we wanted to let you know how you would receive the communication if your child is impacted. Staff will continue to learn about a need to quarantine from a school or district leader.

The public health guidelines focus on the actual symptoms, close contact with someone who was positive, symptom onset, and time from onset to resolution of symptoms. Yesterday, CDPHE released new school guidance. We will follow starting the guidance on Monday (per El Paso County Health Department).

Each time our Contact Tracing Team convenes to discuss an incident, we err on the side of taking an abundance of caution when health decisions are made. These decisions are really important, and we take the responsibility very seriously.

Thank you for being a partner with us. We continue to ask that everyone remains attentive to following our hygiene and health guidelines, so we can maintain in-person learning.

- Health screening daily before coming to school.
- If sick, do not come to school.
- Wear face masks/coverings.
- Wash hands frequently.
- Stay socially distanced (as much as possible).

3. **Facility Master Plan**

Last school year, the Capital Improvement Sub-committee, as part of the District Accountability Committee, engaged in meaningful work to really understand the current realities and future best hopes for our schools and district buildings and spaces. TreanorHL, Wember, and Nunn Construction have been working since August to develop this plan in partnership with school and district staff and the District Vision Planning Team, which includes various members of the community, including staff and students.

We have two events we would like to invite you to attend:

- a. Community Engagement Meeting
 - Wednesday, October 7, 2020
 - 5:30-6:30 pm
 - Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88279763147>
- b. Additional Board of Education Work Session Meeting



*Focus of the meeting is on capital improvement and long-term planning.

- Monday, October 12, 2020
- 5:00-7:00 pm
- Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86437984290>

***Monthly Work Session and Board Meeting is still scheduled for October 19, 2020
(Work Session—4:30; Board Meeting—6:00)

4. **Parent/Teacher Conferences** are scheduled for October 22 and 23. Please be on the lookout for communication from your child's principal and teachers. We are looking forward to the time together. We have decided to move forward with virtual conferences. As much as we would love to have in-person meetings, we are continuing to focus on limiting the number of visitors to campus. Thank you for understanding this need at this time.

Students and parents who are participating in FuelED will also be a part of Parent/Teacher Conferences. Principals will share their plans for these conferences.

5. **Mental Health Resources.** Our Mental Health Team and Partners for Healthy Choices Team are continuing to update resources for students, staff, and families. Here is the link to the website: https://www.mssd14.org/departments/p_h_c
Employee Assistance Program: https://www.mssd14.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_57364/File/Care24%20EAP.pdf
Parents and Students: You can always reach out to our Mental Health professionals at each of our schools.

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6. **Other Resources:**

MSSD FuelED website. <https://www.mssd14.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=57448&pageId=28494188>

Connect14. <https://www.connect14.org/>

Annual Creek Week Lives on at MSES (Lisa Mussi, MSES Staff & Students)





Week #	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
					August 21 Cohort 2
1	August 24 Cohort 1	August 25 Cohort 1	August 26 All Students At- Home/Staff Work Day	August 27 Cohort 2	August 28 Cohort 2
2	August 31 Cohort 1	September 1 Cohort 1	September 2 All Students At- Home/Staff Work Day	September 3 Cohort 2	September 4* Cohort 2
3	September 7 LABOR DAY	September 8 Cohort 1	September 9 Note... Cohort 1	September 10 Cohort 2	September 11 Cohort 2
4	September 14 Cohort 1	September 15 Cohort 1	September 16 All Students At- Home/Staff Work Day	September 17 Cohort 2	September 18* Cohort 2
5	September 21 Cohort 1	September 22 Cohort 1	September 23 All Students At- Home/Staff Work Day	September 24 Cohort 2	September 25 Cohort 2
6	September 28 Cohort 1	September 29 Cohort 1	September 30 All Students At- Home/Staff Work Day	October 1 Cohort 2	October 2* Cohort 2
7	October 5 All Schools Fully In-person	October 6 All Schools Fully In- person	October 7 All Students At- Home/Staff Work Day	October 8 All Schools Fully In-person	October 9 All Schools Fully In- person
8	October 12 All Schools Fully In-person	October 13 All Schools Fully In- person	October 14 All Students At- Home/Staff Work Day	October 15 All Schools Fully In-person	October 16* Current Staff Work Day (move to October 14 for a consistent schedule)
9	October 19 All Schools Fully In-person	October 20 All Schools Fully In- person	October 21 All Schools Fully In- person	October 22 ½ Day for Students Parent/Teacher Conferences (All School)	October 23 No Students Parent/Teacher Conferences (All Schools)