



## Weekly Update—Monday, May 28, 2021

Dear Manitou Springs School District Community,

When we started this school year, I shared that we would be taking this flight together. We knew that there would be smooth parts, turbulent segments, speeding up, and slowing down, but we would be going through all of those experiences together. Ultimately, we would be landing together, which we did!

So much of life is how we finish. I am so proud of how we finished this school year together...never losing sight of what students needed along the way.

I hope that everyone has a restorative, exciting, and peaceful summer. We will be rested and ready for the 2021-22 school year.

Very Sincerely,

Elizabeth Domangue

1. **Late Start Wednesdays**—In April, I introduced the possibility of Late Start Wednesdays next school year. After meeting with and hearing from several stakeholder groups (teachers, parents, and students), we will be moving forward with Late Start Wednesday for the 2021-22 school year.
  - We will have a normal transportation schedule for those students who will not be able to make it to school unless they are able to take the usual bus route.
  - Morning programs for students who need to arrive at the usual start time will allow students to engage in unique learning experiences. For secondary students, they will also have the opportunity for a morning study hall.
  - School staff will engage in collaborative times to participate in:
    - Professional Learning Communities
    - Multi-Tiered Systems of Support
    - Professional Development
  - The total number of Late Start Wednesday is 24. Here is the [schedule](#).

Thank you to the parents, staff, and students who contributed to this process. I want to assure you that this time for all staff will be invaluable, and we will continue to provide impact updates along the way.

In late July, principals will be communicating more about the specifics for their school (including a daily schedule that maximizes learning and opportunity to the fullest).

2. **BEST Grant**—Last Friday, we learned that our grant applications for two significant capital improvement projects were approved for recommendation to the Colorado Board of Education. This grant funding equates to \$9 million in monies for significant capital improvement. Here is the [announcement](#), and we will continue to keep the community updated on a possible bond campaign.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this important next step for Manitou Springs School District 14.



### 3. Important Upcoming Dates:

- Monday, June 7—Summer Learning Camps/Programs Begin



