



MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14

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A message from the superintendent

Time has flown by so quickly. It is hard to believe that it is now the middle of November and Thanksgiving is right around the corner.

I have so much to be thankful for and one of the most important things I am grateful for is the opportunity to walk alongside the Manitou Springs community during this global pandemic.



A person that I work with on a daily basis (not necessarily in close physical proximity) recently started experiencing minor symptoms (e.g., runny nose, sore throat, general fatigue). She immediately recognized that she needed to play her role in being cognizant that the symptoms that have been for years associated with colds and allergies needed to be treated differently during this current time of COVID-19.

She made the intentional decision to stay home even though the symptoms are minor. She understands that these symptoms, in previous times (pre-COVID), would not necessarily be reason to stay home, but these are not previous realities.

The question that all school districts are navigating right now is: How do we balance what we know to be best for students, parents, and staff with the current realities of quarantines/exclusions and the increase in positivity rates?

We know that the potential for exposure to a person who is positive is increasing (by the increased positivity rates). This impact in positivity rates increases the potential for us (as a school district) to have to move more individuals to quarantine (regardless of cohort models, departments, mask-wearing, hand-washing, etc.).

Additionally, there is no evidence that the increase in positivity rates is connected to students learning in-person. Our schools are taking great measures when it comes to protocols, and we are also taking hard hits when it comes to our children learning and their social-emotional development.

We hope that the community can understand the urgency for students and staff. Declining positivity rates can't be the responsibility of students, staff, parents, school and district only. We ask us that you join us and the City of Manitou Springs in the campaign to Keep Students and Staff in School.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth A. Domangue
Superintendent of Schools



BRANDON DEMATTO
MSSD FOOTBALL & BASEBALL COACH

AVOIDING LARGE GATHERINGS KEEPS OUR STUDENT-ATHLETES ON THE FIELD WHERE THEY RECEIVE THE

RELATIONSHIPS, OPPORTUNITIES, AND DEEP LEARNING EXPERIENCES

THEY NEED.

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LISTEN TO YOUR TEACHERS




LEXI HAMMEL
STUDENT

WHEN YOU **STAY HOME** WHEN YOU'RE NOT FEELING WELL, OTHER KIDS CAN **STILL GO TO SCHOOL**

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LISTEN TO YOUR FIRST RESPONDERS




GABE LEVY
MASK WEARER

WEARING A MASK IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT LETS YOU **PROTECT YOUR LOVED ONES** AND IT LETS ME BE ABLE TO GO TO SCHOOL AND **SEE MY FRIENDS**

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LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN



Important dates: Thanksgiving Break, Nov. 23-27.



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