

April 16, 2021

Highland CUSD No. 5 Parents and Staff,

I have a goal this week with my message. I am going to attempt to not alienate or upset any of the readers this week. Believe it or not, that is a big challenge in today's society. The best way to accomplish this goal is to be very brief and not say anything with any kind of emotion. This week has been a very good week with few surprises. We continue to focus on end of year activities and planning for next school year.

I would like to congratulate our newly elected school board members who will be joining our group at the end of April, possibly the first week of May. We had 4 candidates to fill 4 open seats on the Board. I look forward to working with them and hope to refocus our attention on the strategic plan. COVID has certainly captured our full attention over the last 13 months.

COVID numbers this week: Highland Primary reported 1 new positive staff case and 2 new student positives as well as 3 students in quarantine all due to outside exposures. Alhambra Primary reported zero new positive cases and 1 new quarantine due to outside exposure. Highland Elementary reported zero new positive cases and 2 students quarantined due to outside exposures. Grantfork Elementary reported zero new positive cases and zero new quarantines. Highland Middle School reported 1 new student positive case resulting in 2 students quarantined and 5 additional students quarantined due to outside exposure. Highland High School reported 2 new student (1 in-person, 1 remote) positive cases and 5 new student quarantines.

HHS sent out information this regarding available vaccination opportunities to students 16+ years old from the Madison County Health Department. We simply want to provide families with the information to make their own decision moving forward. Please contact MCHD if you have any questions regarding the vaccinations.

That concludes this week's update. Have a safe and wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Michael S. Sutton, Superintendent