



Buena Vista School District

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BV SCHOOLS UPDATE COVID-19 4.3. 2020

- In response to Governor Polis' executive order on April 2, 2020, the Buena Vista School District will extend its closure to in person learning through April 30, 2020.
- Distance learning will continue at least through April 30 and families should now have access to learning opportunities from teachers beginning on March 31.
- The district will continue to follow orders from the Governor, as well as guidance from our local public health department, in determining how learning opportunities to students will be provided after April 30th. Some districts in Colorado in densely populated areas may move beyond the Governor's order and close school to in person learning for the remainder of the year. Others, including Buena Vista, will use April 30th as the guidance, leaving May open to possible individuals or small groups return for in-person assessments or culminating experiences.
- The district is working on plans to provide culminating experiences, especially for our graduating class of 2020.
- The school year will not extend past May 28 for all students. The district is considering how summer school might be used in supporting some students in preparing for the coming year, again, dependent on the rate at which social distancing can be lifted.
- We are confident and prepared in meeting the needs of students in the coming year, with grade promotion, even with this alternative distance-learning during these weeks. We fully understand the learning at home will vary from family to family depending on individual circumstances, and we are committed to working now and in the coming year with each individual's learning needs to ensure continued growth.
- Principals are hosting parent/guardian virtual meetings during the week of April 6 to support you in your new role as teacher/facilitator for your children. Please refer to building emails for specific information.
- You are doing great! Some days are better than others - for you and for your children. You, or your children, are not meant to have this figured out or do it well all the time or even most of the time. Just keep doing the next best thing.

Your teachers, principals and entire staff are here for you. When you see the lights turned on at our fields, remember: we see you, we are here, and all will be well.

Take care,

Lisa Yates

Superintendent, Buena Vista School District