

Highland Community,

Information and planning around the COVID-19 virus continue to evolve and it seems appropriate to provide an update. At the Board of Education meeting held on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 it was determined that Weld Re-9 Schools would return to in-person instruction. This decision was made after hearing input from patrons on both sides of the issue. As always, community members have the option to address the board at each monthly meeting. Furthermore, it was decided that Weld Re-9 would offer an online option through Colorado Digital Learning Solutions for families who did not feel comfortable sending their student back to the in-person environment.

The Governor of Colorado declared a “State of Emergency” and provided rules for public schools in case students and staff have tested positive for the virus. In an effort to keep our populations safe, we will do our best to abide by the rules including school closures if necessary.

As we move forward, practices that will help keep everyone healthy include:

- Students and staff who are ill should stay at home.
- Wash your hands frequently with warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you sneeze or cough and discard used tissues in the trash.
- Avoid people who are sick with respiratory symptoms.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces (phones, keyboards and tablets).
- Families who are seen by a medical professional should communicate with their school regarding their diagnosis.

We intend to continue to use our website and infinite campus messenger to provide information and resources for families during this difficult time. If you want further information, reference [www.weldhealth.org](http://www.weldhealth.org).

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