

Hello Mancos RE-6 community,

We want to inform you that, as a preemptive health and safety measure, we have decided to postpone our Open House event, scheduled for this Thursday, January 20th, until March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. This decision was not taken lightly and was based upon a number of factors, including but not limited to, the elevated number of COVID cases in our region, the timing of the current COVID surge, and the evidence which suggests that this current surge will be peaking in our region this and the following week.

Our Open House, which was scheduled for this Thursday, January 20th, from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm at the Mancos Elementary School, has been rescheduled to take place on Thursday, March 17th from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm at the same location. All of the elements of the originally scheduled event (i.e. potato bar fundraiser, science fair exhibits, PBL exhibits, etc.) will remain in place for the rescheduled date.

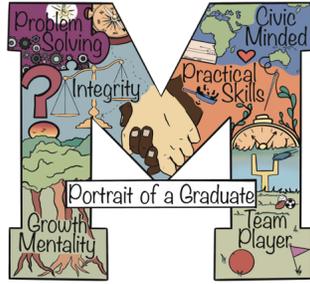
We realize that this is inconvenient for all of those involved, and we are committed to making sure that it still takes place under the best conditions. Our students, teachers, and their hard work deserve to be celebrated, and we will see that it happens. We have a plan in place for the rescheduled event, based on measures that have been proven to be best practices from what we have learned over the past two years from this pandemic, and you can see the pieces of our plan below. Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding this decision.

Our Open House will include upgraded COVID protocols such as:

- A nurse on duty performing temperature checks
- Masks available for all at the entrance and highly recommended to be worn at all times while inside buildings
- Exhibits will be spaced out over a large area, allowing for physical distancing
- Air filtration units in all physical spaces
- Disinfection of frequently touched surfaces during the event

### Mancos Athletics and Activities

We are still competing in extracurricular activities at both the middle and high school levels (Knowledge Bowl, Wrestling, and Basketball). The major difference between the Open House and extracurricular activities is that the Open House is a required event for staff and students while extracurricular activities are optional. Recently, we have had to reschedule two basketball games with Ridgway and Dolores that were canceled due to their COVID issues. Those events have been rescheduled to play within the next two weeks. Attending an event or participating in athletics or activities is non-mandatory and is optional to attend or participate.



Our extracurricular events will include upgraded COVID protocols such as:

- The availability of masks for the public (not required but encouraged)
- Air filtration units and increased ventilation
- Increased custodial staff for disinfection
- Spacing of family units in the gymnasium recommended
- All home events are live-streamed on the NFHS Network

Thank you for your continued support of the Mancos School District and our students and staff.

Respectfully,

Mancos Admin Team