



## Weekly Update—Friday, March 12, 2021

### **New Updates:**

1. **Board of Education Meeting—Monday, March 15, 2021.**

Work Session (4:30 pm): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82725497837>

Regular Meeting (6:00 pm): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82725497837>

2. **One year ago...**—It is truly hard to believe that one year ago today (March 12, 2020) members of our Leadership Team huddled in my office as we prepared to announce that the next day we would be moving to remote learning. That Friday, our staff tearfully and supportively comforted and encouraged students as they left the building and each other. Our staff pivoted so quickly to never stop connecting with students and families. And, I am tremendously proud of our school community for navigating every twist and turn. We'll continue to do this together.

At the start of this year, I shared a short metaphor related to restarting school and taking flight. I returned back to this writing as a place of reflection. Our Manitou Springs School District 14 plane is flying strong. Although there have been bumps, jerks, smooth spots, cruising speeds, speeding up/slowing down, changes in elevation, and more we will continue to travel together and ultimately land together.

3. **Inclement Weather for Monday**—There are many weather reports about the winter storm that is moving into the region soon. These reports have changed multiple times. We'll continue to monitor closely. If we are not able to have in-person learning on Monday, it will be an e-Connect Learning Day. Staff and students should bring home any needed materials.

4. **Upcoming Dates:**

- **March 22-26**—Spring Break  
**Free Grab-and-Go Breakfasts and Lunches**—March 22 at MSES and UPES (11 am- 12 pm)
- **April 7**—Staff Professional Work Day/Students Learning Asynchronously At-Home
- **May 5**—Staff Professional Work Day/Students Learning Asynchronously At-Home
- **May 23**—Graduation

5. **COVID Update.** Thank you for continuing to remain diligent with supporting students and staff to remain in-person by:

- Staying home when a person is sick.
- Staying home when a person has been in close contact with someone who is being evaluated for COVID.
- Wearing a mask.
- Washing hands frequently.