

Laytonville Unified School District Updates
May 18, 2020

The past two and a half months have certainly been an experience unlike any other for our school community. I give my heartfelt thanks to parents, teachers, staff and the community for dedicating yourselves to ensuring that our students are continuing to receive an education, are well fed, and cared for during this unprecedented time. There have been so many new challenges for all and I recognize and appreciate all that you are doing to adjust to the changes.

Laytonville Unified School District will be continuing Distance Learning for the remainder of the school year. The high school and elementary schools have sent out communications regarding when work is to be picked up and turned in. Overall, the students have done a remarkable job of getting their work completed and in following through with their responsibilities. I am pleased that so many have taken the task of continuing on with the schoolwork despite being in a different environment. You should all be proud of this.

Though the format will differ from previous years, we are looking forward to celebrating our 8th grade students' promotion to high school and the high school seniors as they graduate. We have been working closely with Public Health to ensure that we will be adhering to all guidelines and requirements outlined in the most recent Shelter in Place Order.

The 8th grade promotion will consist of a vehicle parade, led by our local Fire Department, around the subdivision on June 11th. The parade will start at the Harwood Hall parking lot and end in front of the elementary school where students will receive their certificates. The community is encouraged to support the 8th grade students by cheering them on in front of your homes. Specific details about this event will be sent to all 8th grade parents.

High School Scholarship Night will be presented on YouTube on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 7 PM. More information will be provided as we sort out the details.

The High School Graduation ceremony will take place in the high school parking lot and will end with a vehicle parade around "the lake", the reservation, and the subdivision, ending at the Fire Department. Details about the ceremony will be mailed home to all graduating senior's families. More details will be shared as we get closer to the event.

Both the 8th Grade Promotion and the high school Graduation are only open to immediate family driving with the 8th grade or graduating students. It is our hope that the community will show their support for the graduates by cheering them on during the parades. It is critical that all participants and their families remain in vehicles at all times.

The District has been staying in close contact with Public Health throughout this pandemic. We are currently looking at the possibility of summer school for referred students, and how we could host that within the guidelines set forth in the Shelter in Place order. We are also trying to

prepare for what things may look like in terms of returning to school in August. At this point there are still many unknowns, but we are trying to be prepared for a variety of scenarios including, resuming school as usual (pre COVID-19), continuing distance learning with the current model, and/or a blend of distance and in-school learning. We will continue to keep you posted as plans develop.

I truly look forward to the day when we can resume school and see all of our students back on our campuses. Be safe and be well. I miss you.

With much respect,

Joan Viada Potter, Laytonville Unified School District, Superintendent