

Dear Cheyenne Wells School Community:

First, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Randy Holmen and I am the new Cheyenne County School District superintendent. For the few short days that I have been here, it has been fast and furious!. Wow! I'm glad to be here, though. There are other new faces here as well and we are excited to have you meet them.

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Just a quick update on a few things that are happening at the school, and, of course, what we are looking forward to in August.

First, a new roof is being installed on the new school building. It should be finished in approximately four weeks. Additionally, 21 rooftop air conditioners are being replaced on the new school as well. The old school roof will be replaced following completion of the new school building. Second, several doors were recently replaced. Most of them were exterior doors. Third, the gym floor has been refinished and ready to be used!. It very much seems like a construction zone here.

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With everything going on, we are planning to open school as normal as possible on August 10th.. As a matter of fact, the Reopen Plan that the county health department has ok'd, was approved by our school board on Tuesday, July 28. You can find that plan on our district website www.cheyennesd.net as well as Facebook. We also have hard copies available in the building. I encourage you to read the plan and be aware of what we have to do as a school and community in this time of a worldwide pandemic. We have to be aware of changes that occur and adapt. As of now, we have more questions than answers. The 2020/21 Student/Parent Handbook is also on the website.

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There are a few changes that you need to be aware of. First, the school day will begin at 7:45 a.m. Students will not be allowed in the building until 7:35 a.m. Please do not have your child(ren) arrive prior to that time. Second, we will begin serving the elementary school breakfast at 7:45 a.m. by class. The jr. high and high school will eat at the normal time between 1st and 2nd hour. Third, we are asking that students who live in close proximity to the school who generally ride the bus be transported and dropped off by parents. Physical distancing is a key element in reducing the risk of transmission by limiting capacity of school buses.

NOTE TO ALL PARENTS: YOU ARE BEING ASKED TO DROP YOUR CHILD OFF IN THE MORNING OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING AND PICK THEM UP OUTSIDE AFTER SCHOOL! WE ARE NOT ALLOWING IN-BUILDING DROP OFF AND PICK UP! STUDENTS WILL GO TO THEIR CLASSROOM UPON ENTERING THE BUILDING. K-6 STUDENTS WILL BE ESCORTED BY THEIR TEACHER OUTSIDE AFTER SCHOOL TO MEET THEIR PARENT OR GO TO THEIR ASSIGNED BUS.

Please be patient and supportive of our Board and staff. We will do our utmost to be proactive to maximize in-person learning in a safe and healthy way. Thank you for your cooperation.

Randy Holmen, Superintendent