

## **School News March 11, 2021**

One year ago, today, I was in Greeley, CO, working as a site director for the Class 1A state basketball championships. I have done this for probably 15 years either in Pueblo or Greeley at the 1A or 2A championships. Last year, however, was different than the previous years. We started the games under the potential gloom of what was happening throughout the United States. Professional games were being cancelled; college games were cancelled; schools and universities were sending kids home; businesses were shutting down. Thursday night, we were done. All of our lives changed forever.

Today, there is a sense of getting back to normal. We aren't there yet, but we are getting closer. Some of the bigger schools in the state are going to be in-person again starting later this month. The difference, though, is we have been in-person, face-to-face since Monday, August 10, 2020. Something that Cheyenne County School District is very proud of. We have had a few bumps in the road along the way but because we have been resilient in our approach, it's paid off. Our staff continue to wear masks daily. We don't like it, but we do. Our 6 through 12 students continue to wear masks. I know they don't like it, but they do. It's our hope that our community continues to support our endeavour as well. We also know that you don't like it.



Two weeks ago we were informed that we can allow 225 people into the gym to watch our teams play. Seeing the people in the seats is a good sight to see. It makes it seem "back to normal" in one way, but it's really not. Normal is not a limit as to who can be here. We are working to get over these mandates that have been imposed on us. Although things seem to be loosening up, we will continue to maintain our expectations for our school district. Although my contract states the following, I believe each and every one of our staff members is doing his/her best to uphold these responsibilities: "The Superintendent shall exercise vision, initiative, resourcefulness, leadership and consideration and concern for staff members, students and parents in the District." Further, "The Superintendent shall perform any and all other reasonable duties and assignments necessary and appropriate to the position....."

Spring is just around the corner! Let's get to GREEN!