Dear RMSEL Students and Parent Community,

We are preparing to possibly transition from summer directly into winter here in Colorado. As we prepare for cooler temperatures, I want to remind parents of our outdoor weather policies at RMSEL. Students will be outside for drop-off / dismissal and recess during the course of the school day if the outdoor temperature is above 20 degrees. Students will also participate in off campus fieldwork if the temperature is above 20 degrees. Please dress appropriately for cooler temperatures. Students may store extra layers, boots, hats, and gloves in their locker or “cubby bin.” At the end of each week, we take all lost and found items to the Salvation Army. If something comes up missing, please check the north stairwell for items as soon as possible.

This month, we will host our High School Parent Lab for current 8th grade families on Wednesday, October 22, 2014, from 8:00-11:00 a.m. This is an opportunity for current 8th grade parents to learn about the high school program at RMSEL. You will experience each core class and have an opportunity to ask questions of current students, teachers, and administrators. This is not a mandatory meeting but an opportunity for families to see the program in action before you make a decision for high school next year.

The application window for the 2015-2016 school year will open by Wednesday, October 15, 2014. This is for families to apply at RMSEL and to be included in the enrollment lottery. We host Open House on the first Thursday of every month at 8:30 a.m. During Open House, prospective parents can learn about all aspects of our school and the expeditionary learning instructional framework. At the conclusion of the Open House, prospective parents have the opportunity to tour classrooms and ask additional questions. If you know a family who is interested in RMSEL, please share this information or the link to our website. (http://www.rmsel.org/Prospective-Parents/index.html).

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Yesterday at 2:40 p.m., we entered a “secure perimeter,” keeping all students inside the building for the remainder of the school day and dismissal. During a secure perimeter, the school day continues forward on campus in classrooms. We monitor each access point to the school and ensure students remain indoors. Students are not “locked down” in classrooms, as no immediate threat has been made to students, staff, and/or campus. We send notifications through Infinite Campus Messenger. Yesterday the message was sent electronically, but we did not initially push it to telephones. In the future, we will push the message to both email and telephones. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. We will always take precautionary measures to ensure student safety.

Sincerely,

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