Dear RMSEL Parent Community,

Over the past three months, Julie Stelzer and I have been working in collaboration with our independent municipal advisor to post our 7.5 million dollar bond to public market. I am excited to share the debt has been posted for sale as of Friday, September 13, 2019 by the underwriter at Baird & Co. This is an important part of our grant-funded project as it is the portion of the total project budget to be covered by the school. We have a closing date scheduled for October 8, 2019 at which time the trustee “US BANK will hold the debt” and RMSEL will begin making debt service payment over the 30-year term of the debt.

In working toward conclusion of our capital for construction we have been working closely with the team at Treanor HL and JHL Construction to finalize schematic design and move into pricing and pre-construction. Once this is complete the team will submit for our building permit with the State of Colorado and begin working on architectural and structural blueprints for construction. We continue to have a groundbreaking date of June 1, 2020 scheduled for construction. This has been an exciting process and today we received the first set of exterior renderings for the two additions to campus. I wanted to share this with the community as this makes the project feel a bit more tangible!

Exterior Image – North Campus Addition
Please join me in thanking all of our amazing parent volunteers who helped organize such an amazing community event this past weekend that brought over two hundred members of our school community together. It was a great transition to begin and end the event together as a K-12 community as we participated in the 5 K Run / Walk. It was a perfect morning to get out with friends and family and the course was great, being adjacent to the lake.

Amazing events like this don’t happened without amazing people. I cannot begin to thank event chair, Megan Kane, and DAC chair, Margaret Bierman, enough for their support in making this event a success from designing logos, ordering t-shirts, planning catering, setting-up, and tearing down. This was a great gathering of community!

**Fieldwork and Professional Development**

During our weekly Professional Development teachers are actively engaged in planning Case Studies to support their respective Learning Expeditions. Each Case Study will include fieldwork opportunities to connect student learning in the classroom to experts in the field. Fieldwork across the school will begin over the next month once all buses are on-site for use by crews. Currently all 7th/8th grade students are out in the field which required all eight buses to be off-campus. I appreciate the outside-the-box thinking of Sam and Leah who were able to work with parents in their respective crews to host fieldwork on Monday and
Tuesday of this week even though all the buses were in use. This type of collaboration and support is what makes the RMSEL community amazing! We have 150 students out in the field this week!

**Conferences – October 10th & 11th, 2019**

Within the week you will receive a notification from your crew leader or school level with instructions on how to sign-up for Fall Student Goal Setting Conferences. Conferences will be held on:

- Thursday, October 10th, 2019 – 12:00 (noon) – 3:30 pm
- Friday, October 11th, 2019 – 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

**On Thursday, October 10th, 2019, students will be dismissed at 11:00 am, please plan accordingly for this early dismissal.**

**Crew Fitness T-Shirts**

The school-wide Crew Fitness T-Shirts have been ordered based on the sizes submitted for your child during registration. The Crew Fitness T-Shirts are expected to arrive by October 1, 2019. Once the shirts arrive we will notify parents and distribute to each student through his/her crew leader.

**Nuts and Bolts**

Please be patient, attentive, and respectful when accessing school in your vehicle before or after school. The school parking lot should be a phone free zone where we are all working to pay extra attention to our surroundings. School parking lots are only congested for 15 minutes in the morning and afternoon of each day. Please make sure that we are being good crewmembers and being mindful of our surroundings.

Best,

Chad