Executive Director Communication

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Dear RMSEL Parent Community,

I could not be more excited to share with our community that for the 2018-2019 school year, we once again received the highest accreditation rating possible of Accreditation with Distinction from the Colorado Department of Education. RMSEL was 1 of only 18 districts out of the 185 districts in the state to receive this achievement level. This award is a testament to our students and staff for their work and commitment to learning throughout the school year. While the performance framework is based on standardized measures, it is also a demonstration of character in that students take responsibility for their achievement.

Attached is a link to the public comparison of districts provided by the Colorado Department of Education. (http://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/performanceframeworkresults)

Join me in celebrating this great accomplishment by thanking a RMSEL Staff Member. We have a phenomenal CREW!

Middle School Fitness

I want to take this opportunity to thank our 7th/8th grade teacher team for working hard in the morning during fitness. I was invited to participate in the 4 corners circuit on Tuesday and it was a great start to my week. The students pushed and encouraged one another, and I must say that after six park laps of running with a corner of one legged squats, I am still feeling the intensity of the circuit.

High School Start & Kindness Club

When you enter the main entrance to school, take a minute to pause and look up. Our school Kindness Club decorated the vestibule with miniature flags with the name of each high school student returning from the Colorado Trail Trip. This random act of kindness from our students and teachers is one of the many aspects that bonds us together as a K-12 Expeditionary Learning Community!

Curriculum – Authentic Audiences

One of the aspects of a successful case study is providing students with an authentic audience for the presentation of their work. It requires students to pay attention to the elements of the project in bringing the final work to an accomplished level for presentation. Our new 7th/8th grade Science Teacher, Kristin Hatcher, is jumping right in and providing her students the opportunity to work with David Sheldon’s 2/3 Crew in presenting their Water Cycle Projects. I appreciate the investment of our teachers in providing opportunities for students to connect outside of their school level in our community.

Sincerely,

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