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Our mission is to provide a safe, supportive, academically rich environment utilizing best practices to develop all students to be productive citizens and preparing lifelong learners for post-secondary readiness and success in a global society.

Dear Grizzly Parents/Guardians,

Greeting from Mesa Ridge High School! I hope this message finds you healthy and safe. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate our way through these uncharted waters of distance learning. All parents should have recently received an email from the Superintendent regarding the suspension of in-person learning for the remainder of the school year. Despite this announcement, we believe that we have a solid plan moving forward to end the year in a positive manner.

We will provide more information in the near future regarding the following:

- 1. Building access for students for locker clean-out / textbook returns / instrument returns / uniform returns / library book returns / other equipment or material returns / etc.
- 2. Yearbook pick-up
- 3. System for payment of fees / fines

ATTENTION SENIORS:

As a result of the suspension of in-person learning for the remainder of the school year, we understand that this causes significant hardship for our amazing senior class of 2020 and their families. We have been processing and thinking about the impact this will have on our seniors as they conclude their high school careers. Because of the social distancing guidelines set forth by the Governor of Colorado, we are going to postpone a traditional in-person graduation ceremony to July 14, 2020 at 11:00 am. While there are still lots of unknowns about a date this far in advance, this in-person graduation ceremony is purely "voluntary" and will **ONLY** take place if social gathering guidelines allow us to come together at that time. In the meantime, Mesa Ridge High School, Widefield High School, and Discovery High School feel it is vital to honor our graduates by creating a virtual graduation ceremony that will be accessible to view on June 12, 2020, at 7:00 pm. Each school will produce its own virtual graduation and will provide a specific link for seniors and their families to view the ceremony from their respective high school.

Please be aware, as we prepare the virtual graduation ceremony, we will need some help from you. We will be asking for students/families to submit pictures of their graduates in the upcoming weeks. We will provide specific guidelines in the days to come regarding the types of pictures that we need and the manner in which the pictures should be submitted.

Thanks again for your patience, grace, and understanding during these challenging times. We will be communicating additional details in the near future.

Sincerely,

Scott Sage Principal