



# MHSD NEWSLETTER

A quarterly newsletter brought to you by the Mountain Home School District Office.

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I would like to take a few moments to update parents and patrons of the Mountain Home School District. We recently completed a set of surveys that were designed to give the district feedback from students, staff, and parents on issues impacting education in their schools. The focus of the survey was on peer interactions, support, and curriculum. I want to thank all of you who took the time to complete the survey. This information

will better help us support the students of the Mountain Home School District.

There are currently several bills moving through the Idaho Legislature that will impact public education. One of the bills that will have the biggest impact on the school district is the public school funding formula bill. This bill, if passed, will change how the state allocates money to public schools. The current methodology used to fund schools is over 25 years old. The new system will dramatically change this process. For Idaho school districts the budgeting process typically starts after the Idaho Legislature convenes. This usually occurs around the end of March or early April. Once we receive notification from the Idaho State Department of Education about changes to Idaho Code and changes in state funding for the next fiscal year the district begins to build the budget. This process is finished in early June as is required by Idaho Statute. Budgeting is a yearly process. The school district receives funds from the state, county, and the federal government. These amounts vary from year to year.

The district applied for and received a Community Health Improvement Fund (CHIF) grant from St. Luke's. This grant allows the district to provide after school activity programs at East Elementary, West Elementary, and North Elementary. The goal of the grant is to give kids a safe place to be active after school. This is the second year the district has received the grant and it has provided a much needed opportunity for our students.

The 18th street project is progressing and should be completed later this spring. The city of Mountain Home is installing sidewalks, widening the street, and repaving the road. This project is greatly appreciated as it will fix an extremely rough road and provide a safer walking environment for students who walk to school along that corridor.

I would like to remind everyone that the end of the quarter is March 11th. Spring Break for students begins on March 22nd and school resumes April 1st. After students return from break they will have approximately eight weeks of school remaining for the 2018-2019 school year. This year Mountain Home High School Graduation will be moved from 7:00pm to 5:00 pm on May 24th. The reason for the change in time is to hopefully avoid rain showers that have impacted graduation in recent years. Typically those storms have moved into the area after 7:00 pm. By moving graduation up a couple of hours we are hoping to avoid the evening showers.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me (208)587-2580 or e-mail me at [gilbert\\_jg@mtnhomesd.org](mailto:gilbert_jg@mtnhomesd.org). Thanks for all you do in supporting the students and staff of the Mountain Home School District!

Respectfully,

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