



*Taos Municipal Schools
Exceptional Programs
School Board Report
May 2021*

Pillar IV – Safety Wellness

TP Focus: Actively Monitor Safety & Wellness throughout TMS to minimize risk of COVID-19 and support participation in remote learning Model.

- The part time social worker hired to work with staff continues to provide support to Taos Municipal School Staff members
- Information from ‘Outcomes’, which is the new Employee Assistance Program, has seen a 20% increase in utilization in the month of April
- Random COVID surveillance testing continues using VAULT
- At this time, a little over 90% of our staff have been vaccinated!
- The district is preparing to start COVID surveillance monitoring of students at 1%, when we receive parent permission. This is a rapid test that will give us results withing 15 minutes. It can also be used to test symptomatic students and staff.

Pillar I – Educator Excellence

Tactical Plan (TP) Focus: Identify, plan and provide instruction to reduce learning gap resulting from Spring 2020's early closure by end of 20-21 school year.

- There is a plan developing to offer Educational Assistants access to online professional development. More details will be available soon.

Pillar II – Student Achievement

TP Focus: Educators will provide effective remote and blended learning instruction during 20-21 school year.

- Data is being collected by special education teachers and ancillary staff to determine what services are due to each student who has IEP services. The data should be correlated by May 14th to finalize summer plans or afterschool plans for next school year.

Pillar III – Community Communications & Relations

TP Focus: Provide effective communication to increase family and student engagement during the 20-21 school year.

- Participation with Taos Community Medical COVID Task Force continues <https://www.taoscovidtaskforce.com/>
- Preparation for the 2021/2022 IDEA B budget is in process and there will be a call out to the community to ask for parents who have students on IEPs to participate.
- Caroline Grant is working with several other early childhood programs to put on a big Child Find event at Par Park on May 26th, in the afternoon.

Respectfully Submitted,

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