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Dear Mountain View School District Staff and Parents,

It appears that June-ary has ended and winter arrived for February. We certainly get some amazing temperature swings in our area! From Kooskia to Grangeville can feel like driving from spring to winter.

I want to update you all on our district and important information. Idaho and our area has appeared to turn a corner as it relates to Covid-19. As we are all aware, the impacts of Covid have been vast; different areas of our own region have been impacted in different ways. We continue to recommend mask wearing, frequent hand washing, and social distancing as means to avoid Covid illnesses. Our student population continues to be the least impacted. Thank you to our team for all of the continued work surrounding Covid, as well as moving all students forward in their learning process. Thank you, parents, for keeping your child(ren) home when they are feeling ill and for understanding that there are many mandates in place to keep our schools up and going.

Beginning on Wednesday, March 3rd, MVSD will go back to a regular day schedule. The Wednesday early release schedule was put into place to offer time and preparation for Covid-19 impacts due to possible closure. Although the time has been very beneficial in terms of staff preparations, returning the instructional time is very important. Please update your schedules as our Wednesday schedule will return to its normal start and stop times.

Many of you know that our Board of Trustees has decided to run our levy request in the spring (May 18). Please know we must run and pass a levy each and every year that supports our District's educational systems. Local control is the key ingredient to supporting your area schools and the funding model we must work within. Please look for more information surrounding levy facts and information in the coming months. Being informed and the efforts of local support are critical factors moving forward.

A shout out goes to our team of educators—the dedicated group of individuals that bring it every day for our students! It has been a pleasure to walk the halls of our schools, be in the classrooms while instruction and learning are happening, to witness staff work together for the betterment of our students. Our collaborative approaches are keys to having strong educational standards. Thank you!

In closing, I want to share the excitement of seeing our students engaged in their learning and in their school community. Everything from watching small engine repairs, seeing our Rams and Bulldogs compete in their respective sports and getting to know students at their schools. These A to Z parts of the puzzle are all pieces to our success. Thanks for being involved.

Sincerely,
Todd Fiske
MVSD - Superintendent