

April 5, 2021

Dear Integrated Services parents and guardians,

Following our beautiful weekend, I hope this finds you and your family healthy and well. It has been wonderful to have most of our students back to in-person learning this semester to continue to learn, grow and build important relationships. As we head into the final weeks of the 2020-2021 school year, I wanted to express gratitude to our parent community and families who continued to support education during a school year that has been unlike any other in recent memory. Your continued collaboration, partnership, positive approach, solution orientation, and attention to assuring your child(ren) continued to grow in their education is recognized and appreciated. It is with a great deal of gratitude toward you that I write this today from the Integrated Services Department. Although this year has been challenging in numerous aspects, working together, our students (your children) continued to learn and grow in the traditional areas but also with resilience, perseverance, and determination. The fact that families and staff worked together to find solutions amidst a global pandemic has truly been nothing short of remarkable. Thank you!

Along with the continued growth of our students, we are also paying close attention to our students' health and safety, social emotional health and wellness and continued progress on their special education goals along side of their general education access. Your child's IEP team is the best avenue to express any concerns that you may have so that continued problem solving can occur. If you need further assistance, families can call the central Integrated Services Department at 970-490-3233.

There are a few pieces of information that I would like to share with you as we enter the last quarter of this school year. They are as follows:

1. This year, we have 30 nominations for the 34th Annual Integrated Services Mary Hull Awards. The Mary Hull Awards is an inspiring event recognizing the talented work of staff and community members who go above and beyond to support students with disabilities in Poudre School District. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, attendance at the event will be limited although below is the link to the live stream. The 34th Annual Integrated Services Mary Hull Awards will be held on Thursday, April 22nd beginning at 5:30 pm.

Here's the live streaming link for the Mary Hull Awards this year: <https://youtu.be/K-v2KpOfa6A>



[Mary Hull Awards 2021](https://youtu.be/K-v2KpOfa6A)

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2. If you have a child who will be transitioning to a new level (pre-K to K; 5th – 6th; 8th-9th), school-based teams will be discussing this transition with you to create a plan for success;
3. Students who have been attending PSD Virtual will be transitioning back to their brick-and-mortar school. Per state statute, an evaluation and IEP team meeting must occur. This may occur this spring

or immediately in the fall. If you have questions about this, please work with your child's PSD Virtual and school-based IEP team;

4. The Poudre School District website has a wealth of information regarding COVID-19 as well as information related to our Learning Phases.
 - a. COVID-19 information for each school is constantly being updated and can be found at: <https://www.psdschools.org/psd2020-21/COVID19schoolstatus>
 - b. Poudre School District protocols for COVID-19 cases and outbreaks can also be found on the District website: <https://www.psdschools.org/psd2020-21/psdprotocolsCOVID19> Following these health protocols and keeping your student home if s/he has any symptoms is another way you can support our ability to offer in-person learning for our students.
 - c. Specific information related to students with disabilities in Poudre School District and Integrated Services can be found on the District website at: <https://www.psdschools.org/psd2020-21/supportingstudentswithdisabilities>

Again, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all of our families. Your collaboration, communication and ongoing support makes a difference.

Sincerely and with Gratitude,

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