

## Monthly Board Update to Staff April 2017

Last night, after two public hearings, the Board approved the new school boundaries for the upcoming school year. Although there will be school boundaries, I would like to reiterate that the district will still allow school of choice. Students will be allowed to attend any school that they would like. However, if they choose to attend a school outside their attendance zone they are responsible for getting to the closest stop. If you want to look at the map or have additional questions that might have come up through the process, I would refer you to the district web site. Please don't hesitate to call me if you have specific questions and please don't hesitate to refer patrons who may have questions.

Under employee benefits, the Board approved the Benefit Committee's recommendation to renew health care, dental and vision with the current providers for the upcoming school year. The renewal for health insurance for the upcoming year will have a 4% increase in premiums. There were a few changes to the health insurance plans that will be effective July 1, 2017. The changes to the health insurance plans are as follows:

- Colonoscopy Due to Family History - WEBT will allow for one (1) preventive colonoscopy, payable at 100%, and prior to the age of 50 for individuals that may be at risk of illness based on family history.
- Re-Alignment of Office Visit Co-Pays - As a means to assist WEBT participants and to align the co-payment structure to meet the needs of the WEBT plan offerings, WEBT will decrease current office co-pays by \$5 on the \$1,500 deductible option. All members enrolled in this plan will receive a new BCBSWY/WEBT identification card.

The renewal rates for Delta Dental and VSP remained consistent with the current year. Therefore, there will not be an increase in premiums for either Delta Dental or VSP for the plan year beginning on July 1, 2017.

Delta Dental also made a benefit change that will be effective July 1, 2017. They are enhancing the benefits by increasing the coverage for basic services from 80% to 85%.

The Board also approved to continue to pay the same percentage amounts for insurance that are currently being paid by the district. The insurance premium summary for the 2017-18 school year can be found at the link below.

[https://www.boarddocs.com/wy/laco2/Board.nsf/files/AL6JTQ4E79F3/\\$file/2017-18%20Insurance%20Premium%20Summary.pdf](https://www.boarddocs.com/wy/laco2/Board.nsf/files/AL6JTQ4E79F3/$file/2017-18%20Insurance%20Premium%20Summary.pdf)

In other business, the health curriculum and foreign language curriculum was approved.

The following teachers were given continuing contract status: Amber Barrett, Lindsey Dersham, Paige Epler, Callie Hellbaum, Eric Kestner, Courtnei Romsa, Tad Romsa, Susanne Sears and Gina Tonso.

The last day of school (May 25) we will hold an all-staff meeting at Pine Bluffs High School at 2:00p.m.to recognize staff for years of service and to honor our retirees. Please mark your calendars.