

## **September 6, 2022 Board Meeting**

There was significant discussion regarding the crosswalk at West Main and Baldwin Creek following last week's accident involving one of our students. The district wants our stakeholders to know that we have met with representatives from WYDOT and the city of Lander to discuss strategies to improve the safety measures at that intersection and others along main street. Several solutions were discussed at that meeting and brought to the board by our business manager, Travis Sweeney. Some of the solutions presented can be implemented in a short time-frame to include: adjusting the timing of the lights and the addition of an audible warning, refreshing the paint at the crosswalks, and use of a crossing guard. The district is seeking interested employees to help at the Baldwin/Main crosswalk. We appreciate the help of community volunteers while we find persons interested in crossing guard duties. Other solutions considered involve significant infrastructure changes that would require more WYDOT resources to implement. All the parties involved are committed to making changes that will improve the safety of our routes to school.

Here are some important reminders for parents and guardians to discuss with their children when using crosswalks on main:

- Press the button to signal a pedestrian needing to cross. If you don't push the button, you will not get a crosswalk signal.
- If a crossing guard is present, wait for them to help you cross.

All crosswalks

- Don't try to beat the light. The WALK or WALKING PERSON appears (in white) when it is legal to start crossing. When the DON'T WALK or raised hand (in orange) appear, you may not cross the street.
- Always use a crosswalk.
- Walk bikes.
- Consider dressing in high visibility apparel like vests and helmets.

## **Family Engagement Nights**

On Thursday September 15th (6:00 pm at Lander Middle School) FCSD#1 will host the second family engagement night of the school year. We are excited to have Laura Stack, founder of Johnny's Ambassadors, presenting to parents on the negative impact that modern forms of marijuana have on adolescents. [Johnny's Ambassadors](#) is a non-partisan, non-profit, grass-roots alliance of individuals and organizations around the globe concerned about the harms of youth marijuana use. They are an army of educated advocates, who are going out into the world and starting tough conversations. They are parents, coalitions, impacted family members, healthcare professionals, teachers, and nonprofits who seek to reduce youth marijuana use through education, prevention, and awareness. They use evidence-based, scientific research and experts to teach the impacts of today's high-THC marijuana on youth mental illness and suicide ideation.

The following Thursday, September 22nd (6:00 pm at Lander Middle School), we will host [Dr. Lisa Strohman](#) and her presentation on tech addiction. Dr. Strohman has become widely known for her advocacy and education around mental wellness as it relates to our digital lives. She has worked with thousands of parents, schools and children around the globe. An attorney, clinical psychologist, and

author, Dr. Strohman established the [Digital Citizen Academy](#), a non-profit program offered to schools with an in-home plan that educates, empowers and inspires balance and prosocial use of technology.