



Dear AHS Families,

After investing our time and passions toward founding Animas High School in 2009, we have watched the rewards of our efforts through our students and their successes. As **founders**, we came together last Wednesday night to celebrate and watched the film *Most Likely to Succeed*.

It was an exciting and monumental evening for a number of reasons:

- This film highlights educational reform, and specifically showcasing our model school High Tech High. Seven years after it's founding, we see that Animas High School offering the same quality of learning here in Durango!
- After the film, there was a panel with representatives from Fort Lewis College, 9R, Mountain Middle School, and Animas High School. There was thoughtful and collaborative discussion of how to best serve all of our students in Durango. This would have never happened 10 years ago, when we first started meeting to explore offering more educational options in Durango!

As founders, we saw the community come together for a common goal: to make educational options better for our kids. Now that we have these options, we can't take them for granted! Animas would not be as successful as it is without the help and participation from our **parents!**

We would like to ask you to continue your involvement in our children's education. Please consider offering your time, expertise, and perspective in these specific ways:

- Consider serving on the AHS Board of Directors Currently, one parent-elected **board seat** is open. The deadline to apply has been extended to November 11;
- Come to a Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting and meet other parents;
- Help with the planning of the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in December;
- Volunteer to help with school lunch or front office work;
- Make a presentation on your career at a Power Lunch: or
- Offer an internship at your workplace to our 11th graders.

When we wrote the charter 10 years ago, we believed so strongly that parental involvement is essential to the school's success, we recommended that **each family donate 20 hours per year to the school**. Having parent input not only helps the school, but also helps connect you with your student.

Watching *Most Likely to Succeed*, we each felt immense pride in the school that we all – founders, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and parents – created. We each play a role in the legacy that is Animas High School. We look forward to your involvement and to seeing you on campus.

Warm Regards,

Phil Bryson, Jesse Hutt, Holly Jobson, Gisele Pansze, and Holly Shure



Animas High School Values:

- Rigorous academics, where all students are prepared for college success
 - Culture of excellence, where students are held to high expectations
 - Strong faculty-student relationships, where students are well known
 - Engaging learning, where students see the relevance of their education
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