

# ***Glendale & Big Sky Colony Schools***

## *May Board Report*

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### **EOY Picnic & Fun Day**

The Glendale & Big Sky Schools will host a BBQ and EOY Fun Day for students to celebrate the end of the 21-22 school year! An outdoor BBQ will be hosted by the principal and teachers, games and events will be planned, and fun will be had to kick off SUMMER BREAK and the growing season in our farming communities!



### **2022 Graduation Ceremony Plans**



The Big Sky & Glendale Schools are preparing for their 8th Grade graduation ceremonies to be held on May 25th. Glendale will be honoring two 8th grade graduates and Big Sky will be honoring five. Mr. Omsberg will be awarding diplomas, 1st-7th grade students will be preparing a song, skit, or poem for the ceremony. A brief reception with gifts and refreshments will conclude the event. At Big Sky School we will also honor Ms. Light for her years of service to Browning Public Schools and wish her well as she makes the transition to retirement.

### **Building Status Update:**

#### ***Big Sky School ADA (Average Daily Attendance)***

19-20	97.88%
20-21	99.44%
21-22	97.88%

#### ***Homevisits/Parent-Teacher Conferences***

100% Parent Participation

**504 Remote & other 504s-0**

**Glendale School ADA**

19-20	96.41%
20-21	94.42%
21-22	94.93%

**Homevisits/Parent-Teacher Conferences**

100% Parent Participation

**504 Remote & other 504s-0**

**Positives:**

This year the staff at Big Sky & Glendale Schools have pulled together to support the teacher shortage at Big Sky School. Ms. Nancy Light has taken on an overload of students (29 students to 1 teacher in a multigrade classroom) and Mrs. Ellen Christoferson the paraprofessional has diligently supported at both Big Sky (mornings) & Glendale Schools (afternoons) to ease the overload issue. Ms. Show has shown great flexibility in sharing Mrs. Christoferson's duties with Big Sky School and has also made adjustments to support her 15 student load in her multigrade classroom.

**Needs/Concerns:**

A great concern for both the Glendale & Big Sky Schools is teacher & staff recruitment at the Big Sky School for the 22-23 school year. It is difficult to find a classroom teacher to support rural schools in Montana, however the uniqueness of the Big Sky School (distance from Cut Bank or Browning, multigrade, high number of students) makes it a greater challenge to recruit and retain high-quality not just one, but two educators.

**Upcoming Dates & EOY Events**

Spring Benchmarking Assessment @ Big Sky & Glendale Schools-May 9th-20th  
8th Grade Graduation Ceremony-May 25th @ 9:30 for Glendale & 12:15 @ Big Sky  
EOY Picnic & Fun Day @ Big Sky School-May 31st (12:15-3:15)  
EOY Picnic & Fun Day @ Glendale-June 1st (12:15-3:15)  
Last Day of School-June 2nd at 12:00