Dear Manitou Springs School District 14 community,

Last school year, the Capital Improvement Sub-committee, as part of the District Accountability Committee, engaged in meaningful work to really understand the current realities and future best hopes for our schools, district buildings and spaces. This sub-committee and our Board of Education supported the decision to develop a Master Facility Plan for Manitou Springs School District 14. This process has been really exciting, and it started with a highly competitive bidding process to identify TreanorHL firm to complete the district’s Master Facility Plan.

TreanorHL, Wember and Nunn Construction have been working since August to develop this plan in partnership with school and district staff and the District Vision Planning Team, which includes various members of the community. There will be multiple opportunities for the community to provide feedback to the Master Facility Plan.

We hope that you will join us for a virtual Community Engagement Meeting from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7. Here is the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88279763147

We invite everyone to attend — alumni, parents of future MSSD students, parents of current students, students, staff, community members, residents, business owners, grandparents … everyone. This is such an important process, and we want to hear your voices and ideas about how to maintain our facility assets and honor the rich traditions and spaces of our schools while also looking to the future.

If you have any questions about the process, please feel free to reach out to Suzi Thompson, chief financial officer, at sthompson@mssd14.org.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Domangue, PhD
Superintendent of Schools

Understanding Self-Injuring Behaviors and How to Help our Children
5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, at the District Auditorium, 110 Pawnee Ave.
To register, visit https://campscui.active.com/orgs/ManitouSpringsSchoolDistrict#SelectSessions/2892103/filter/session=48847903

Self-injury is one of the most perplexing and challenging behaviors parents, caregivers and educators may face. In 2018, it was estimated that approximately one in four teen girls deliberately self-injured by cutting themselves. The number of children and teens engaging in these behaviors is on the rise.

Lauren Eckhart, director of Clinical Services at Cedar Springs Hospital, will explain self-injury including possible causes, signs to look for, treatment approaches and community resources.