THE COMMUNITY

Coalltv:

- Located in Logan. Washington and Morgan Counties in Northeastern Colorado
- Population of approximately 400 citizens
- An agriculture-based community

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- Wisdom Industries, World's Largest Manufacturer of Carnival Rides
- Grandpa's Restaurant and Bar

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- Near 2 18-hole go If courses in Sterling
- Walking trail
- Pheasant, deer, and antelope hunting
- Frisbee Golf Course

District Mission:

At Buffalo School District RE4J. We are building tomorrow's leaders today by inspiring students to realize their fullest potential

District Vision:

As a visionary district, we promote personal excellence, perseverance, achievement and encourage all to reach their fullest potential.

Core Values:

Rigor and Relevance

Effective Instruction

Innovative Practices

Prepared and Productive Students

Partnerships

Balanced Well-Being

Mulit-Faceted Student Achi evement

Community Valued Accountabi lit y



WHY Merino?

- A small, safe town
- 11/2 hours from downtown Denver
- 2 hours from skiing in the mountains
- 2 community colleges, 4 hospitals, and recreational reservoirs are within 15 minutes
- Clear air, good water, and friendly people
- Strong Community Support of our Schools
- 15 minutes from Sterling. Colorado



Merino Elementary



Merino.k12.co.us

THE DISTRICT

- Pk-12 enrollment of approximately 309 students
 - Pk-6 = 159 students
 - 7-12 150 students
- The board of education is a five-member board that *meets* the 3rd Monday of each month
- In addition to the core classes. students participate in music. art, career & technical education classes (including FFA, FBLA, and FCCLA}
- The district offers concurrent enrollment classes for dual/college credit
- Involved in the Student Centered Accountability Project
- Over 50 Families on a waiting list of over 75 *stu*dents on a waiting list to get into Merino
- Food Service Program offering a minimum of 3 choices of main dishes a day



Chef for A Day Program

New Accountability

Student Centered Acc1untablIIIVPro-Jact

The district is involved a new way to accredit school small school districts. We have identified three areas that we would like to focus:

- Meaningful Learning which encompasses Aca• demics and learning Dispositions
- Professional Culture with encompasses Curriculum and Instruction, Professional Learning, Vision and Leadership, and Learning Climate
- Resource Allocations which encompasses Finance, Infrastructure/Facilities. and Family and Community



Excellent Drama and Art Programs



Merino Rams!!!

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- Student Lead Wellness Team
- 3 Time State Wellness Champions
- Wellness Breaks During Classes
- Wellness Olympics
- Staff and Student Wellness Challenges



AlhlldCS:

Multiple sports are offered:

Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling. Baseball. Track. Cheerleading

We have had great success in football with eight state championships. the girls basketball teams have had three state championships. the boys basketball teams have had seven state champioonships, volleyball has had IO state championships, boys track has had three state championships, girls track has had two state championships and we have had over 15 individual state champio ns in wrestling.