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## **DISTRICT 51 CHANGING PARENT COMMUNICATION TOOL**

**Grand Junction, Colo.** – Beginning mid- to late-February, parent communications and the tool parents use to access student information will look a little different. With over 12,000 accounts, most Mesa County Valley School District 51 parents are currently using and already familiar with a tool called ParentBridge. The District will transition to a tool called ParentVUE, part of a suite of features provided by Synergy, the district's new student information system.

Designed by district staff, ParentBridge has been the customized tool used by teachers, schools, and the district to communicate with parents about everything from homework to grades, from meal balances to meal purchases as well as school events and news. ParentVUE will provide all those same services. The district is making the transition due to ParentVUE's seamless integration with the new student information system and its parent portal feature. Ultimately, more services and features will be provided to parents in the coming years, including a district mobile app.

Parents who have ParentBridge accounts will begin to receive emails detailing the change from the district in mid-February. All ParentBridge accounts will automatically rollover to ParentVUE and those parents will not have to re-register, but will need to activate accounts (instructions for which will be included in the email they receive). If a parent currently doesn't have a ParentBridge account and would like to take advantage of the upcoming ParentVUE portal, forms are available on-line and in all school offices. An email address will be required to sign up for ParentVUE access.

More information, including a flyer and a video tutorial will be available on the district's website at [www.d51schools.org](http://www.d51schools.org). Parents who have questions are encouraged to call their school's front office. Media questions can be directed to Christy McGee, at the above contact information.

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