



Sisters School District

“Home of the Outlaws”

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Superintendent

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Dear Sisters Schools Community,

On Wednesday, the Oregon Department of Education released Ready Schools, Safe Learners Guidance for School Year 2020-21. As much as we have the capacity to meet the guidelines, we believe that live, in-person education is the most effective and equitable model for our students. When looking at physical distancing and the requirements, as a district, we are working to ensure that we are able to support as many students as possible in our buildings in the fall. We are working to prioritize in-person instruction for our K-5 students as we look at their development and the needs of our families. Additionally, we feel that we will be able to offer either a full reopen, or a hybrid of in-person instruction to all of our students.

We also learned that this guidance document will be updated every 20 days, based on the regional and state wide COVID-19 data. This lands us right where we have been, with a lot of uncertainty about what the fall will bring, but we are working to develop a plan that maximizes safe, in-person instruction for our students. It is important that we all continue to do our part in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

Again, as we look forward, we need to fall back on our core values for focus. Investing in **relationships** that support every student’s growth and sense of belonging. Creating extraordinary learning experiences that **make learning real. Empower and support students and staff** to become the best versions of themselves. And **prepare** students to be courageous individuals, effective communicators, critical thinkers, and problem solvers for life.

As we continue to develop our plan, wherever you fall on the spectrum of concern, Sisters School District and staff will continue to work with you to support our students. Whether that plan is to fully reopen, a hybrid of in-person and Distance Learning, Distance Learning, or supporting students fully online, we will be ready to serve our students and partner with our families in their educations.

Stay Safe,

Curt Scholl
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