



Sisters School District

“Home of the Outlaws”

Curtiss Scholl
Superintendent

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Dear Sisters Schools Community,

On Wednesday, June 10th, the Oregon Department of Education released Ready Schools, Safe Learners Guidance for School Year 2020-21. Each school will submit a plan to reopen that specifies if it will provide on-site learning, hybrid learning, or comprehensive Distance Learning to our students. When evaluating the state’s guidance against our physical assets, capabilities, and talented team, we believe we are in a position to offer a strong educational experience for all of our students.

We are working to prioritize daily on-site instruction for our K-6 students as we look at their development as learners and the needs of our families. Cohort tracking becomes a little more complex when we look at the schedules and needs of our secondary level students. We still believe there is a path to daily on-site instruction for learners 7 - 12 grade and we will also be exploring a hybrid model for learning at these levels.

The Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidance document will be updated every 20 days, based on regional and state-wide COVID data. The updates will happen on June 30th, July 21st, and August 11th. Our schools’ Operational Blueprint for Reentry should be into the state by August 15th.

As we progress into our planning and through these checkpoints, we want to continue our partnership in educating our students and we will be reaching out to our families for feedback. Through the Superintendent and Principal Coffee meetings, and other communication with our families, we have already gained valuable feedback about how we can improve our service levels in this challenging time.

To reiterate, 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 on-site, a hybrid model, comprehensive Distance Learning, or supporting students fully on-line, we will be ready to serve our students and partner with our families in their educations. If you have any specific questions about next year, please don’t hesitate to contact your building principal or me.

Finally, please understand that there is no on-site or hybrid plan we can make that can guarantee to stop the spread of COVID-19. We will do our part to have schools ready, however, when people come together, there is always risk. Your partnership to continue help reduce those risks still continue today and into the 2020-21 school year. Talking to our nursing staff, hand hygiene and physical distancing still continue to be a priority. We will continue to partner with you as we process those concerns with the social / emotional and mental health needs of our students as we develop our plans.

Stay Safe,

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