



Sisters School District

“Home of the Outlaws”

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Superintendent

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Dear Sisters Schools Community,

Thank you for your engagement as we build our plan for the coming school year. In the last several weeks, we have had almost 700 parents or guardians respond to our survey. I am also grateful to the teaching staff, as 62 teachers have shared their input via survey. This feedback, in addition to the dialogue and emails with me and our building principals has been incredibly valuable. We want to be deliberate and hear from all stakeholders as we develop our plan for the fall.

Two significant announcements that have come from the state in the last week:

- On July 22, the Oregon Department of Education released another revision of Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidance. These changes included mask wearing for all students K-12, no cohorts bigger than 100, and more rigorous guidance for Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL).
- On July 28, Governor Brown announced new state and county health metrics that would have to be met for any on-site or hybrid instruction models to be implemented in K-12 public schools. Upon an initial review of those data, it looks likely that most, if not all schools will reopen under the CDL model.

Given these new metrics and continued discussions with other Superintendents, the Sisters School District will begin planning for a return to school in the CDL model for at least the first six weeks of school. CDL will be teacher planned and lead, connected to Sisters School District curriculum scope and sequences and has weekly hourly requirements for student contact.

With what we learned in the spring, the strength of our teaching staff and the new guidelines from ODE, we know that we will be able to deliver an improved version of CDL compared to last spring. We are confident that whatever model of instruction we start the year with, the tradition of a strong school system in partnership with the Sisters community will continue.

We have also identified the need for new ways to connect to our community, especially to welcome the many new families and students to the district and help all students get ready for the new school year.

Keep wearing your masks, washing your hands and physical distancing, so we can continue to mitigate the spread. I will continue to communicate any changes as we plan for school in the fall.

Stay Safe,

Curt Scholl
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