



Philomath School District 17J

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Board of Directors

Superintendent's Report

September 21, 2020

Status of School Learning Models:

- At present, all schools are operating in the *Comprehensive Distance Learning* Model.
- On Tuesday, September 22nd, we will be making a decision about whether or not we will bring back our **K-3 students** (... and 4th grade at Blodgett) to participate in *Hybrid Learning*. This decision will be announced to families with a planned start date of Tuesday, September 29th.
- If able to bring these K-3 students into our schools, we will remain in *Hybrid Learning* until we have enough time to verify that our systems are solidly in place and operate as we have anticipated.
- At this time, state and local metrics **will not** allow any of our **4th – 12th grade** students to return to either hybrid or in-person learning. As a result, these grade levels will remain in a *Comprehensive Distance Learning* model until the end of the first grading period. If able, changes will occur at the following times:
 - K-8th Grade: November 3, 2020 (Start of 2nd Quarter)
 - 9th-12th Grade: December 1, 2020 (Start of 2nd Trimester)

Return-to-School Metrics:

State Metric Requirements:

- Each measure must meet weekly for three consecutive weeks:
 - $\leq 5\%$ Test Positivity Rate

County Metric Requirements:

- Each measure must meet weekly for three consecutive weeks:
 - ≤ 10 Cases Per 100,000
 - $\leq 5\%$ Test Positivity Rate

K-3 Exception Metric Requirements:

- No confirmed cases of COVID-19 among school staff or students in the past 14 days
- ≤ 30 cases Per 100,000 (Weekly for three consecutive weeks in County)
- $\leq 5\%$ Test Positivity Rate (Weekly for three consecutive weeks in County)

Week	State Test Positivity	County Cases/ 100K	County Test Positivity	Available Options
09/13/2020				
09/06/2020	5.6%	20.1	2.8%	K-3 Only
08/30/2020	4.3%	12.7	2.5%	K-3 Only
08/23/2020	4.4%	12.7	1.9%	K-3 Only
08/16/2020	5.0%	15.9	1.9%	K-3 Only
08/09/2020	5.2%	20.1	1.5%	K-3 Only
08/02/2020	5.2%	13.8	3.2%	K-3 Only

Technology:

- Information will be shared earlier in the meeting. Specific areas include:
 - Chromebooks
 - Internet Access
 - Zoom/ Google Meet
 - Canvas LMS (Learning Management System)

Clemens Pool:

- Completed interviews for Pool Director.
- Organizing meeting of former Pool Advisory Committee.
- Creating both short- and long-term plans for operation.

School Lunch:

- School lunches continue to be *free to students* up to 18 years of age.
- Currently, Clemens Primary School is the only location available for pick-up.
- Working with Mid-Columbia Bus Company to extend options for meal delivery. Possible locations being considered:
 - 6th or 7th Street;
 - Newton Creek; and
 - Blodgett.

In-Person Small Groups:

- Beginning initial plans for hosting in-person small groups during CDL (Comprehensive Distance Learning).
- May only host group sizes of ten students at a time for no more than two hours per day.
- Initial grouping being planned for students currently with no Chromebook and/or no internet access.
- Currently defining other opportunities for students, including work with local service providers to discuss childcare.

Student Success Act:

- Adjusted funding amount is \$417,924, of which \$58,882 will go to Kings Valley Charter School.
- Amended applications due by October 15, 2020.

All Students Belong:

- New rule, adopted by the Oregon State Board of Education last week.
- OAR 581-022-2312, titled *All Students Belong*.
- The rule prohibits hate symbols, specifically three of the most recognizable symbols of hate in the United States—the swastika (outside of a religious context), the Confederate flag, and the noose.
- Temporary rules took effect on September 18, 2020.
- Policies and procedures must be approved no later than January 1, 2021.
- School districts are required to adopt policies and procedures that prohibit the use or display of the aforementioned symbols in any program or school-sponsored activity except where used in teaching curricula aligned with Oregon State Standards.