

May 14, 2020

Dear Oregon School District Families,

I am writing to share our informational update for this week. Below are the topics included in this update:

- Distance learning continues through June 5;
- Kindergarten - Grade 6 Exemption Request forms are due tomorrow (5/15);
- More space for 5th & 6th graders at Forest Edge;
- WI Department of Public Instruction (DPI) waiver approval;
- 2020 Spring Sports Season;
- Retrieving items from schools; and
- 2020 Summer School plans.

Additional details about each topic are below.

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### Distance Learning

This week marks our seventh week of distance learning. Please note that Monday, May 25 is the Memorial Day holiday and there will be no distance learning assignments or course material posted on that day.

Yesterday, the Wisconsin Supreme Court issued a [ruling](#) about the Department of Health Services Safer At Home Emergency Order 28. However, the Court noted this ruling did not change the current closure of schools and co-curricular activities. This means school buildings will remain closed and we will continue to offer distance learning through June 5.

### Kindergarten - Grade 6 (K-6) Exemption Request Forms: Due Tomorrow (Friday, 5/15)

This is a reminder that Exemption Request forms are due tomorrow (Friday, 5/15). School placement letters and exemption forms were mailed to each K-6 grade student on Monday, May 4. Any family who wishes to request that their child attend a school other than where they were placed must submit an exemption form via mail or [online](#). Additional information about school placements for all K-6 students is available at [OregonSD.org/Placement](https://OregonSD.org/Placement).

### Additional Space for Grades 5 & 6 at Forest Edge Elementary School (FES)

Forest Edge Elementary School (FES) will initially open with additional space for grades 5 and 6 in order to reduce overcrowding at RCI and ensure balanced classroom sizes between schools. This means there will be space next year for students in grades 5 and 6 who live outside the FES attendance area. Check out this [video message](#) from Principal, Kerri Modjeski, to learn more about 5th and 6th grade at FES.

Please contact OSD Registrar, Jen Hansen ([jrhansen@OregonSD.org](mailto:jrhansen@OregonSD.org) or 835-4033) with questions or to inquire.

### WI Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Waiver Approved

This week after a public hearing, the Oregon School Board voted unanimously to request a waiver from the WI DPI for the minimum hours of student instruction and the evaluation of certified personnel for the 2019-2020 school year, due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency and school closure order. Both waivers were granted by DPI. This means that OSD will not be required to make up instruction that was lost due to COVID-19 school closures. OSD will continue the evaluation process next year for all certified personnel who were unable to complete the evaluation process this year.

### 2020 Spring Sports Season

The Badger Conference administrators, including the superintendents, principals and athletic directors have made the joint decision to not participate in the extended Spring Sports season as allowed by the WIAA in July and August of this summer. We share the disappointment that this decision may create for student athletes.

### Retrieving Items From Schools

We know there are questions about retrieving items your child may still have in school buildings. We are working on a plan in accordance with guidance from Public Health for safe distribution of personal items. You will receive an email when the details of this plan are available.

### 2020 Summer School Will be Virtual

The 2020 Summer School program will run in a virtual format from July 6 - July 31. Registration for summer school courses will take place in June. An email will be sent to all Oregon School District families with information on course offerings and registration details in the coming weeks.

In closing, I want to reassure you that the health and safety of students, staff, and families continues to be our top priority and we are taking guidance from local, state and national health partners as we plan for future events. We will continue to communicate with you as plans are available.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Busler - Superintendent