

August 14, 2020

Dear Oregon School District Families,

I am writing to share a number of informational topics this week, including:

- Our planning committee presentation and policy updates from the Board meeting;
- Fall planning update, including example daily schedules;
- An update on Annual Online Registration;
- A note about school supplies
- Updated policies; and
- A reminder on food resources available during the pandemic.

I continue to be grateful for many things as we work together to prepare for the 2020-2021 school year: (1) the Oregon School Board for being such incredibly supportive leaders; (2) our teachers/staff and Oregon Educational Association for a wonderful partnership and working so diligently throughout the summer to ensure that we can offer the best possible learning experiences for families and students; (3) our families and students for being patient and supportive as we work through all the details of plans we know you so eagerly await; and (4) our community for continuing to display generosity and kindness to one another and help those in need.

While the pandemic has posed challenges in so many ways, taking time to reflect on the things that are constant reminds me that together we are so strong - and that by working together we will make the 2020-2021 school year a success for our learners.

Sincerely,

Dr. Leslie Bergstrom - Superintendent

Planning Committee Recommendations Presented to School Board

This past Monday, we presented the final fall committee planning recommendations to the Oregon School Board. I can't give enough thanks to the many staff members who served on the planning committees this summer for their thoughtful and thorough work to ensure a successful start to the school year. I encourage you to view the [Board presentation](#) as well as the [Return to Instruction Fall Plan](#) to review this important work

that provides the foundation for opening schools. In addition, the School Board voted to approve the following policies related COVID-19:

[Policy 565: COVID-19 Illness OSD](#)

[Policy 566 COVID 19 Protective Measure, Hygiene, Cleaning](#)

The full Board meeting, which includes above presentations and policy discussion [recording is available here](#).

Fall Planning: Example School Day Schedules

Since sharing the fall 2020 plan with families on July 30, we have been working to incorporate student preferences into staffing our school day schedules. To help families plan for the beginning of school, we have included [sample schedules for grades K-12](#) (*note: 4K families have received detailed information from 4K Principal, Jackie Amlong*). While the specific courses that go in each time slot will vary by classroom and grade, these examples accurately display school start/end times and when you can expect real-time vs. recorded instruction. Details specific to each student, including homeroom teacher assignments and time slots for small in-person groups will come from your school in the coming weeks.

Annual Online Registration

All students must complete the annual online registration process to be registered for the 2020-2021 school year. It is imperative that all families complete the online registration process to ensure we have your updated contact information and understand preferences related to video recording and photo permissions. You will receive an email from OSD Registrar, Jennifer Hansen, during the week of August 24 with instructions for completing the annual update. If you require assistance in completing registration, please contact Jennifer at jrhansen@OregonSD.org or 608-835-4033.

School Supplies

I know that a question on your mind as you prepare for school is what supplies your child will need. At this time we are not updating the lists in the event we are in person at some point during the year. If you chose "Oregon Phased Restart" and we are able to hold the small in-person sessions, your child will bring their own school supplies to school and will not be sharing with other children. If you chose "Oregon Online," you may already have supplies available at home or may wish to purchase additional supplies from the supply list. The district will supply specific items needed for online

learning such as a device, lab supplies, etc. Supply lists can be found by going to OregonSD.org and navigating to your school's page.

Food Resources

The Oregon School District is able to continue providing free meals to all students until September 4, 2020. The ability to provide free meals was based on a waiver from the Department of Public Instruction; however, this waiver ends on September 4. When the new school year begins on September 8, we must abide by the usual requirements, where families must pay for meals and can apply for free/reduced priced meals.

Free/reduced applications have been previously sent to families and are available at OregonSD.org/frmeals. Contact Sarah at osdmeals@OregonSD.org or 608-835-4036 for questions.

Finally, if you or someone you know needs help with food during this pandemic, the Oregon Area Food Pantry is here to help. More information can be found at oregonareafoodpantry.com and on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/oregonareafoodpantry). We are so appreciative of our community partners.