

Dear Oregon School District Families,

I am writing to share a number of informational topics this week. The following topics are included in this message:

- A follow-up on last week's public health order;
- Device and school material pick-up;
- "Ready-Set-Go Conferences;
- Online registration reminder;
- OSD 2020-2021 meal service sign up;
- New bus attendance system; and
- Information you can expect from your school.

Once again, I know you are receiving quite a bit of information from the OSD right now, as we finalize details and logistics in preparation for the school year. While the weeks leading up to school can feel somewhat hectic in a normal year, the pandemic has compressed schedules and heightened this feeling for many.

I am certain that once the school starts, we will begin to find our routines and settle into our schedules. I want to assure you that our OSD staff is here to help you along the way. I continue to appreciate your flexibility, partnership, and kindness as we work together to create the best possible educational experience for our students.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Leslie Bergstrom - Superintendent

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#### Public Health Order Follow-Up

One week ago, I shared a [press release](#) from Public Health Madison & Dane County that outlines the emergency order for schools in Dane County to begin the school year virtually for grades 3-12. In addition, public health identified [specific reopening metrics](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) that are very helpful to understanding the order. I encourage you to familiarize yourselves with this information.

The impact of the order on our fall plan is that students in grades 3 and 4 who chose the Phased Restart option will begin their small group cohorts online and will phase to in-person cohorts as soon as guidance allows. In addition, small groups for students in need of additional support (e.g., IEPs) in grades 3-12 will begin online rather than in-person; we expect additional guidance on this soon. We will use the reopening

metrics to determine when it is safe to extend the amount of in-person time for grades 4K-2 and start offering in-person small groups for grades 3-12. Additional detail is outlined in the [Fall 2020 School Plan Update](#) I shared at the [August 24 Oregon School Board meeting](#).

Our ultimate goal is to have students in our schools as soon as it is safe. We will continue to offer Oregon Online for those who prefer a full online option and the Phased Restart approach in accordance with public health metrics.

### Device and School Material Pickup

Below are the dates for device and school material pickup. All schools will be offering a device / material curbside pickup next week.

Grades/ School	Tues. (9/1)	Wed. (9/2)	Thurs. (9/3)	Fri. (9/4)	Tues. (9/8)
Grades K-8 <i>At your school</i>	8:00 AM- 11:00 AM	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	1:00 PM- 4:00 PM	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	
Grades 9-12 <i>At OHS</i>			12:00 PM - 7:00 PM	7:00 AM - 4:00 PM	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Please note the following:

- Grades K-8: Each student in Kindergarten - Grade 8 will have a bag to pick up at their school; you must go to the school in which the student is assigned to retrieve your student's bag.
- Grades 9-12: Due to the complexity of OHS schedules and the wide variety of courses offered for students, compiling materials is a large undertaking. Therefore, the first day of material pickup will be Thursday (9/3) for OHS students. We encourage families to pick up materials on Thursday and Friday if at all possible and use Tuesday (9/8) only as a last alternative.
- Grades K-2 (Phased Restart): if you will be attending an in-person *Ready-Start-Go* conference, you will receive your bag at the conference and do not need to do a curbside pickup.

You will receive information from your student's school with specific instructions and details on curbside pickup procedures.

**"Ready-Set-Go" Conferences: Kindergarten - Grade 8**

All K-8 students will receive information about “*Ready-Set-Go*” conferences from either their homeroom teachers (grades K-6) or connections teachers (grades 7-8). The purpose of these conferences is for students to meet their teachers and begin the important relationship that will be the foundation for learning this year. Conferences for all students in grades 3-8 and Oregon Online students will take place virtually; students in Kindergarten - grade 2 who are in Phased Restart will have the option of participating in person or online (masks are required at all in-person conferences). All conferences will be held between September 1 - 4.

#### Annual Online Registration Reminder

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 received an email from OSD Registrar, Jennifer Hansen, on August 24 with instructions for completing the annual update. If you require assistance in completing registration, please contact Jennifer at [jrhansen@OregonSD.org](mailto:jrhansen@OregonSD.org) or 608-835-4033.

#### 2020-2021 Meal Service Program

When the new school year begins on September 8, the Department of Public Instruction requires that we transition from offering free meal service to all students (based on a waiver in place until September 4) to the normal requirements where families must pay for meals and [apply for free/reduced priced meals](#). Contact Sarah at [osdmeals@OregonSD.org](mailto:osdmeals@OregonSD.org) or 608-835-4036 for questions.

Thank you to all who shared their intentions to participate in the food service program. Based on your feedback, we will offer breakfast and lunch meal options via curbside pickup at Netherwood/Prairie View daily as well as a delivery option to a location within the district boundaries. Additional details are available at [OregonSD.org/2020MealProgram](https://OregonSD.org/2020MealProgram).

#### Meal Options Starting September 8:

1. **Delivery** - we will deliver to your home or wherever your students are within the district boundaries. We plan to deliver meals daily, but this may change depending on where you live (families **MUST** sign up to select this option).
2. **Curbside Pickup (Netherwood/Prairie View Elementary)**
  - 11:30-12:30pm Monday - Friday
  - 5:30-6:30pm Monday and Wednesday

If you are interested in participating in our meal program, please complete this [official sign up form](#). Signing up in advance ensures that we are able to plan for the correct quantities and offer the best possible service. The September menu is posted on our [interactive menu website](#).

### Transportation & New Bus Attendance System

As we finalize bus routes, we will be communicating with 4K-grade 2 families who requested transportation. In addition, I am pleased to share that we will be implementing a new bus attendance system. The system allows us to know which students are on the bus at any given time. Knowing who is on the bus will also be helpful for contact tracing, if necessary, during the pandemic. Each student who rides the bus will be issued a "bus card" that they will scan when entering and exiting the bus. The card uses RFID technology to automatically take attendance; this card works only with the RFID device located on OSD buses. We will begin by distributing bus cards to students in 4K - Grade 2 (Phased Restart) who will be attending small in-person cohorts (4K-2 students will receive their bus cards when they board the bus on the first day). Bus cards will continue to be distributed to students who ride the bus as we students phase into in-person learning.

### Information From Your Schools

You can expect additional information with specific logistics, such as scheduling *Ready-Set-Go* conferences, specific directions for curbside pickup, student schedules, and information on getting library books for your students, directly from your student's school and/or teacher.