

September 11, 2020

Dear Oregon School District Families,

I am writing with our weekly informational update. In this message you will find details on the following topics:

- An update on plans for expanding in-person learning;
- A reminder about online learning support; and
- A food service program update & call for volunteers to help with food delivery.

As we wrap up this first week of the school year, I want to say thank you! Families, students, and staff have demonstrated flexibility, resilience, and kindness as we have navigated this unusual opening. It warms my heart to hear stories about students interacting with their teachers and peers, and to see the wonderful first day photos that many of you shared on our [OSD Facebook page](#). Thank you for finding ways to support your students as we begin the school year.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Leslie Bergstrom - Superintendent

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### Planning for In-Person Learning Continues

Last night the WI Supreme Court ruled on a temporary injunction of Public Health Madison & Dane County (PHMDC) Emergency Order #9. We are in the process of assessing implications of this change on our phased reopening plan. While this decision changes the order, districts are still required to follow the school requirements, which includes the requirement of 6 feet of social distancing. Maintaining 6 feet of social distance limits the number of students allowed in a classroom and prevents *all* students from coming back at the same time. You can view PHMDC [school requirements here](#).

In keeping with our current plan, our immediate next step is to expand in person instruction for grades 4K-2 and move forward in the planning process for grades 3-5 (additional details will be sent to families with students in these grades later today). Concurrently, we will assess the possibility of safely offering in-person instruction for other grade levels at a point in the future. Rest assured that the health and safety of

our school community continues to be our top priority and a guiding principle of our plan.

### Online Learning Support

Please know that we want to help you have the best possible experience and are here to support you. Please direct your questions accordingly:

- For questions about learning (e.g., your student's schedule, online class links, signing into Google classroom), contact your student's teacher or building administrator.
- For questions about technology (e.g., how to use your device, device not working, contact the Technology Help Desk at [helpdesk@OregonSD.org](mailto:helpdesk@OregonSD.org) or 608-835-4025.

We have also created resources to help families support students with online learning. I encourage you to visit [OregonSD.org/OnlineLearning](https://OregonSD.org/OnlineLearning) for resources to help support your student with online learning. Items found on this page include instructions for navigating OSD systems (e.g., Google Classroom, Seesaw), devices (Chromebooks / tablets), and tips for successful online learning.

### Food Service Program

Thank you to all who are participating in our free meal service program. This popular program is available to all families regardless of need and provides an important service. The delivery has been a popular option as it meets many needs (e.g., food insecurity, children who are home alone, parents/guardians who are working at home and supporting children with learning). In fact, it has been more popular than expected. While we have several delivery drivers, we know that we could create an even more efficient system with a little help:

(1) If you are able get your meal at our curbside pickup instead of delivery, please complete this [change form](#). Curbside pickup is at Netherwood/Prairie View Elementary:

- 11:30-12:30pm Monday - Friday
- 5:30-6:30pm Monday and Wednesday

(2) Spread the word about [volunteering to deliver meals](#).