

August 4, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you and your family are doing well, staying healthy and enjoying the summer months.

As we rapidly approach the start of the new school year, there is still much confusion over how classes will be held. We have been working extremely hard to develop a reopening plan for 2020-21 that offers a hybrid format, offering both in-school and online options. However, Governor Brown and the Oregon Health Authority last week released new guidelines to determine how and when schools can safely return to in-person learning. These guidelines are based upon rates of infection within the state and county, and because the state does not meet the requirement, Wallowa County and most of Oregon are not eligible to reopen as of today.

There is a group of county and state government, educators and health officials working to figure out metrics that make sense for eastern Oregon counties. This may have a positive impact on our ability to open in the fall. We are hopeful that as conditions improve, we will be able to move to the hybrid format later this fall.

All students will receive their own device to help facilitate with remote instruction. We will use a combination of recorded or live lessons and resources that follow the same state standards-based education and sequencing as we use for in-person instruction. This will allow students to seamlessly transition back to in-person instruction whenever we are able to do that.

We will communicate more details soon about the distribution of devices and other back-to-school information. We also plan to communicate with you weekly with other updates and guidance from the state. Our goal is to be transparent throughout the reopening process and to keep you as informed as possible.

These are challenging times for everyone. Our administration, staff and School Board are striving to make the best decisions we can, with limited guidance and information that is constantly changing. While we seek to provide our best service as educators, we also recognize that the health and welfare of our students, staff and community are the priority.

Hopefully, we will be able to start school with a hybrid format, I want to give you some insight into what it would entail when we are able to move to that model. I know many of you have questions about how it would work for your students and how we can provide the same high quality of instruction with online learning. That information is listed on the pages following this letter.

I want to thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and support during these challenging times. Again, our goal is to be transparent throughout the reopening process and keep you informed as best as possible. Your Outlaw Pride and commitment to our school community means so much!

Sincerely,

Erika Pinkerton  
Superintendent

## Enterprise Hybrid Learning Format

Enterprise School District plans to use a hybrid learning format as soon as state guidelines allow. Under this system, Enterprise K-12 students will attend school either in-person or online four days per week. Below are some of the highlights of this model. As you will see, our plan was built to have a great deal of flexibility to give the District leeway to adjust to situations as appropriate.

- Student desks will be positioned at least six-feet apart wherever feasible. Research studies conducted by the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggests that staggered schedules, with reduced numbers of students present at a time, provide a safer environment. So, we will have staggered start and ending times.
- Children two years and older are required to wear a face covering unless they have a medical or mental health condition or disability, documented in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or IDEA, that precludes the wearing of a face covering in school. Accommodations for such students should be made in partnership with the student's health care provider, school nurse, and IEP/504 team. Please note – this guidance for schools from the Oregon Department of Education has changed from previous guidance and will require the appropriate physician's script necessary in accordance with this requirement.
- Breaks or opportunities to remove face coverings will be provided throughout the day. During such breaks individuals must remain at least six feet apart. Masks may be removed when students are: - eating or drinking when spaced at least six feet apart - seated at desks or assigned workspaces at least six feet apart - engaged in any activity at least six feet apart (e.g. face covering breaks, recess, etc.); or - when wearing a face covering creates an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task
- Using a hybrid model as proposed, the number of students in the school and individual classrooms at one time can be greatly reduced. This will provide more opportunity throughout the day for students to remove their masks as they work at their desks or assigned areas spaced at least six feet apart. Face coverings students will be required during transition times, on the entire bus ride to and from school, and when conditions necessitate that they are closer than six feet in proximity.
- As a district, Enterprise will be following recommendations to the maximum amount possible, from sanitizing to social distancing. Yet risk certainly will still exist and must be assumed by families. While the benefits of attending school in-person with classmates and teachers may often outweigh limited risk, it is important to recognize that risk can never be fully eliminated.
- Should a confirmed case of COVID-19 be reported within our schools, we will be in contact by the Oregon Health Department to receive guidance on steps to take as a district, as well cooperate as fully as possible as they conduct contact tracing. In the event that a school, or all schools within the district, are in need of closing in order to clean and sanitize, we must all be prepared to convert to remote instruction on what may be sudden notice that could last multiple days to a week or more. We recognize that this produces a great deal of difficulty and challenges for our families but want to be as transparent as possible knowing that there is a very real potential for this to occur.
- Our teachers and staff have been working extremely hard to prepare to provide instruction that can provide transition between in-person and remote learning as seamlessly as possible. After making the sudden change last spring, the school district will use additional days to provide

professional development to our teachers and staff to provide a high quality education that will provide the best experience during these turbulent times. Whether for students learning remotely full time, a combination of recorded lessons, live interaction, and other resources will be utilized support learning through a variety of conditions. In addition, teachers will reach out to families to provide support so families fully understand and are comfortable with whatever model we are able to open under.

- The District had previously moved to a 1-to-1 iPad/Chrome Book model for all students in grades K through 12.
- Those who wish to participate in online learning must sign a participation form indicating their desire to receive instruction online. The participation form is located on the Enterprise School District website. Please contact your child's school main office if you would like a hard copy of the form mailed to you. All those who select to participate in online learning must make a commitment for at least the first nine-week period, after which the opportunity to participate in in-person instruction will once again become available. Participation in online learning requires no other registration than the participation form, and students returning to in-person instruction never have to re-register to attend in person. Students participating in online learning are full-fledged Enterprise Outlaw students!
- The School Board has approved a revised calendar for the 2020-21 school year, with a start date of September 8. The revisions to this calendar were based on providing in-service for staff members to allow time to ensure we are prepared to provide the best possible education for on-site learning and online learning. There is no impact on the end of the school year as the Department of Education is allowing professional development to count as instructional minutes this year only due to COVID-19. Nor are there any changes to the scheduled holidays. Please be aware that future calendar changes could be made based on any changes in mandates, regulations, or other unforeseen circumstances.
- In the interest of protecting our students and staff, only essential visitors (those who need to provide maintenance to the facility or provide educational opportunities) will be allowed in our buildings. Their visits will be by appointment only. No other visitors will be allowed. All visitors entering the building are required to wear a mask or face covering. If you are unable to wear a mask, alternate arrangements may be made to drop off materials, participate in meetings by remote means, etc.