



KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To: Kelso School District Families

Re: **Rollback of Grades 6-8 and 12 to Full Remote Beginning December 1**

Over the past several months, Kelso School District has continued to prioritize the health and safety of our students, staff, and community AND meet their readiness level as we implement the Roadmap to Reopening for both Kelso Virtual Academy and Continuous 2.0 options. By doing so, we offer families choices while providing a high-quality educational experience for our Kelso students. We have had an incredibly successful start to our school year, both virtually and in-person. I am extremely proud of our staff and students who continue to give their very best effort in the teaching and learning process.

Guiding principles in our decision-making lens have included:

- ✓ Partnership and consistent weekly communication with Department of Health, community leaders, health care professionals, and staff
- ✓ Provide in-person teaching and learning to the greatest extent allowable by local and state Department of Health
- ✓ Implement a robust virtual learning curriculum that allows for continuity in the event of school closures, snow days, or lack of in-person options
- ✓ Ensure necessary health and safety protocols are in place to protect students and staff – masks, physical distancing, contact tracing, district COVID dashboard updated daily

On average, we have had over 1,300 students on our campus daily. Those of you following our district's COVID-19 data dashboard know we have had ONLY one student-to-student school-based transmission since having students on campus as early as September 8. This is an incredible testament to our staff and their vigilance around the safety protocols. Other notable data includes:

- ZERO student-to-adult school-based transmission
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UPDATED HYBRID MODEL BEGINS DEC 1

In the past two weeks, we have seen a significant increase in our county's COVID-19 cases. As such, based upon guidance of from the Cowlitz County Health and Human Services Department, we are making the following adjustments to our hybrid model, effective Tuesday, December 1 (Monday, November 30 is a non-school day). We are returning to full remote the two groups most recently added to in-person hybrid instruction.

- K-2: Remain in hybrid 2 days a week, as is
- 3-5: Remain in hybrid 1 day per week, as is
- **6-8 and Seniors: RETURN TO FULL REMOTE**
- Specialized groups: Special Education, English Language Learners, Internet Café – remain unchanged

Please be reminded that students in full remote learning are expected to complete their assignments and attend via zoom while at home. Your child's learning schedule will be emailed from the home school.

[Transportation](#) for elementary, Special Education, and Internet Café students will continue as usual. [Meal distribution services](#) will also continue.

While we understand the remote learning model is not optimal for all students, we are committed to giving our best effort to make sure we continue to meet students' needs. With tenacious determination, we will continue to deliver quality instruction and social-emotional support to all our students.

Thank you for your understanding, flexibility, and compassion during this unprecedented time.

Respectfully,

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