

OCOSTA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Wildcat Families,

I hope this letter finds you in good spirits and adjusting to our new method of delivering instruction to your children. The staff of the Ocosta School District remains committed to providing an education to the students in the South Beach Community.

The Ocosta School District will continue with our educational services through June 19, 2020. The district will continue to deliver instruction, with an emphasis on virtual access to classes and teachers. If you have questions for your child's teacher, please call them using their school phone number or email them at their school email address. Both forms of contact information are available on our website, under the heading "Staff".

I understand that communication comes from a variety of sources within our community. I want to assure you that the Ocosta School District will release important information to you through letters, the website (Ocosta.org), and our social media accounts. Currently, we are making contingency plans for all year-end events. Year-end events include graduation, moving up ceremony, Camp Cispus, Senior Trip, etc. I have had the opportunity to speak with our advisors and discuss how the district can "re-imagine" our year-end events. The district is waiting to make any firm plans until mid-May, assuming the Governor will give further direction regarding large gatherings, such as graduation.

At this time, we are also beginning to plan summer school. We believe there will be a significant demand for this program at Ocosta. As we get closer to the end of the school year, we will provide more information to families that qualify.

Grading has also become an important topic in the State of Washington. Ocosta Jr/Sr High teachers are currently working on a grading system for the fourth quarter of the 2019-2020 school year. Please know that at this time no decisions have been made regarding grading, with the exception of the College in the High School classes, which continue to follow the Central Washington University grading policies. The elementary is also working on a plan, however, students in elementary school do not have their grades reported to the state, so it will be a different process. It is expected that students continue to learn and work with their teachers to be ready for their next step in the educational process.

I want to thank each of you for your continued support of the Ocosta School District and the staff, which is committed to success for each of our students.

Sincerely,



Heather Sweet
Superintendent