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Dear Tenino Families,

This letter is a short note to keep you informed about the most recent direction we have received regarding school reopening. Yesterday (June 11, 2020) school districts were given direction by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction regarding the opening of schools in September. The direction is **we are to provide a traditional face-to-face re-opening for all students while providing certain safety and cleanliness measures**. The District is required to develop a plan to meet the safety guidelines for social distancing, health screenings, bus riding and facial coverings as a condition of reopening. Developing this plan is our highest priority and once we have specific details, I will be sending out the information.

I know there is significant concern among families and staff regarding the use of facial coverings/masks. As soon as we fully understand what is required and what the exemptions are those will be communicated.

While most students will be expected to attend school on campus this fall, we understand that some situations may require a remote learning option. To that end, **the District will host an online program** for families who are uncomfortable sending their students back to school. We are reviewing new state guidance to determine the student/family circumstances that will qualify for this option. We are also working with each school to consider how we will manage this option while also providing instruction at school. We have learned much from our experience these past few months and are committed to providing a much-improved learning experience, with consistent communication across grade levels for students and families. Again, there will be more details to come soon.

At this time, we have not received any guidance about after school sports or activities.

As part of the planning process we will be sending out another survey to get your input on some specific aspects of reopening. I would encourage you to complete the survey when you receive it. Please make sure your contact information is updated in Skyward so you will receive all the most recent updates and surveys. If you need assistance updating your account, please contact Cori Leach at leachc@tenino.k12.wa.us or 360-264-3410.

Finally, make sure your students are registered whether you choose to send them to school or will access the online program. This is especially important for kindergarten so we can accurately provide staffing for next year.

Thank you for your assistance and patience. We hope to see everyone soon.

Stay safe and well,

Joe Belmonte, Superintendent
Tenino School District