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### **Public Service Announcement**

Date: June 23rd, 2020

RE: 20/21 School Year

To: Students and Families

On Thursday, June 11th, 2020, OSPI Superintendent Chris Reykdal shared the State's message and hopes for the 2020/21 school year. The message stated the states hope for returning back to school with face-to-face instruction on what it most likely will look like. As a district, we are excited to hear the news about the possible return, but we understand that we are going to have to be ready for a multitude of scenarios based on epidemiological data, State guidance, and county health protocols.

OSPI, the State Department of Health, and our county health district will provide our district the necessary information we need over the course of the summer and throughout the next school year to guide our delivery of education to all of our students. Our district, and all of those in our county, have been in recent contact with our county health district to help all of us develop a common understanding of how to meet the safety needs of our students and staff here on our campuses. This information is greatly appreciated and is helping us develop our planning for different forms of education delivery that we may have to work within.

Our hope and plan as of the writing of this document are that we will be back in face-to-face teaching and learning next year. Depending on the current epidemiological data and current county phase we will have our plans for a variety of situations ready to go. Prior to releasing details of these plans beyond the initial scope of this document we are waiting for further information and guidance which will allow us to complete this work.

Here is what the district is currently working on developing at this time:

- Face-to-face instruction with social distancing and masks;
- Fully online format of teaching and learning in case we are not allowed to have students on campus; and,
- Hybrid forms of education delivery that incorporate both online and some face-to-face interaction.

Each system will have structures built into them to help students and staff engage. The district has purchased the Canvas learning management system to be our platform for work delivery and assessment. Online sessions involving the student and staff member will be based on a published daily schedule where attendance will be taken daily. In addition to Canvas, the district is looking into different options to assist with access. Additional computers, cellular modems, and remote video cameras into classrooms are all currently being considered for viability.

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Again, we are very excited about the OSPI announcement that the school may resume next year in a face-to-face format. We will be watching the data closely of the next several months as we monitor State and County reactions to the data. However the data trends though, we will be ready to begin school on September 1st in one format or another. You can expect further information from the district in late July and throughout August on this topic.