

# ECHO SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Echo School District Families,

I am sure many of you have read and/or heard, Oregon Department of Education provided the first release of guidance to school district regarding return to school for next year. I am sure if you are anything like me, you found the information overwhelming and to some level frustrating. Echo School District is working diligently to create plans for the return to school that align with the guidance to the best of our ability while meeting the needs of our students and families. Below are a few items to help put your minds at ease:

- Our plan, under the current guidance, will be to educate students in person, with our normal schedule next fall. We know that distance learning was a challenge and even a hardship for many families. We believe we will be able to operate school as normal next fall with some adjustments to the schedule during the day.
- Our plan is to run our Pre K – 12 school system. We are fortunate that our classroom sizes and students per class should allow us to have all students on site on a daily basis. We will have to make some adjustments for passing times, and how we coordinate lunch and recess times.
- Our staff is working together as we plan for next school year to insure that we do our very best for every students learning outcomes. We know we will have to review materials from this school year. However, we are still focused on progression of learning through interventions as well as enrichment.
- Mrs. Walker is working to build schedules for all JH and HS students. We will send this schedule out over the summer and provide time for students and parents to address schedule concerns before the return to school next fall.
- Echo School District will insure through our plan that elective courses (PE, Art, Agriculture, Music, etc.) are continued for the enrichment of our students next school year.
- The development of our plan will take into account guidance from the Oregon Health Authority, social-emotional needs of our students, school breakfast/lunch program, and the active healthy lives of our students.

The Department of Education has indicated that they will be updating guidance every two weeks throughout the summer. So we can expect this information to adjust over time. We will continue to keep you informed of changes and to develop a plan in the best interest of our students and families. Please continue to ask questions that you have and stay tuned for additional information as it becomes available.