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I hope you are all enjoying the summer, as it looks like nicer weather is coming. As promised, we will be giving you updates throughout the summer on what the opening of the 2020-21 school year will look like come late August. The most pressing issue is the COVID-19 pandemic, in which we are starting to see a spike in our area, as well as statewide. While we understand there are many questions and decisions that you will need to make regarding the safe opening of our school in the fall, please know that we are working diligently to make sure we have plans in place for all phases of re-opening.

We just received the re-opening document from the Office of Public Instruction and the Governor's office has put one together too. We will be going through these documents and working side by side with the NW Montana Association of School Superintendents to formulate the best plans for re-opening this fall. We are holding out hope that we will be able to open for complete 100% in person instruction, but also realizing that we will more than likely be in some sort of hybrid learning environment. Over the next few weeks I will be meeting with state and local groups to develop plans for re-opening this fall. You will be sent a survey within the next few weeks on scenarios and what would work best for your family this fall relating to the scheduling of potential on-site and virtual learning. Please take the time when you get this survey to fill it out, as the information obtained will help us formulate plans for this fall.

You can expect further communication from me regarding the opening of school in the fall in the very near future. While COVID-19 has posed some real challenges for school districts throughout the country, West Valley School District is committed to providing the best education possible for our students. Thank you for patience and understanding during this difficult time.

Have a happy and safe 4th of July!

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