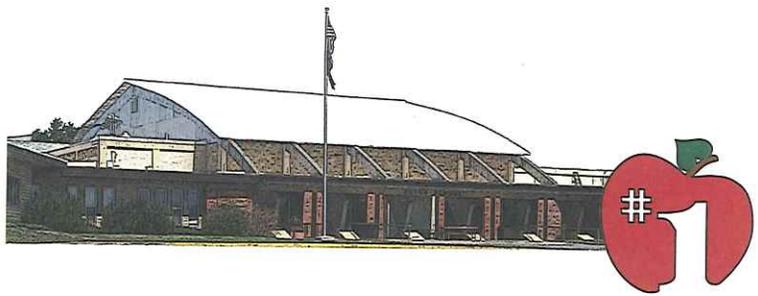


# WASCO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #29

## DUFUR SCHOOL

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Dear Dufur School Supporters,

Our current situation with the pandemic is challenging on all fronts. News/guidance changes on a near daily basis. The district's planning is impacted each time there is a change. There are several things that I would like to share with you concerning the planning at Dufur School, and what the 2020/2021 school year may look like.

The continued increase in the number of Covid-19 cases in our state will dictate that school will not be what we have come to expect as "normal" in public education. Several thoughts in guiding our process:

- Many families have major challenges with child care; the district is very understanding of this fact and will work to provide options for families in the event students aren't in school.
- It's frustrating for parents to work all day and then come home and guide their students learning; we are working to develop options that will provide opportunities for learning including both on-site and distance options.
- Families discomfort with returning their students to school during a pandemic; this fact is very real, and we acknowledge this, and are keeping it at the forefront of our planning process. If families aren't comfortable with sending their student back to school, they shouldn't feel pressure to do so. The district will develop options for these families as well; families shouldn't feel that they are on their own during this pandemic. The Dufur School District will be a steadfast partner to families in the educational path that they choose. Families shouldn't feel alone in providing an educational program for their students.

### **The process that the District is currently engaged in:**

- The Districts *Blueprint for Re-entry* committee is meeting regularly to develop the best plan possible for all Dufur families.
- Grade-level staff meetings are being held beginning this week to insure each plan is fully vetted and a quality program.
- The district Board of Directors will be involved in vetting all contingencies on a weekly basis.
- Community surveys will be included in information gathering in the next few weeks. Community input is valued and essential in the adopted plans.
- Beginning the first week of August there will be weekly Zoom meetings to update the community.

Working together, we will craft plans that will work for all Dufur School District families. If you have questions concerning specifics of the Dufur School re-entry plan please call me, 541-467-2509.

I look forward to working together for all Dufur families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jack Henderson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jack Henderson, Superintendent