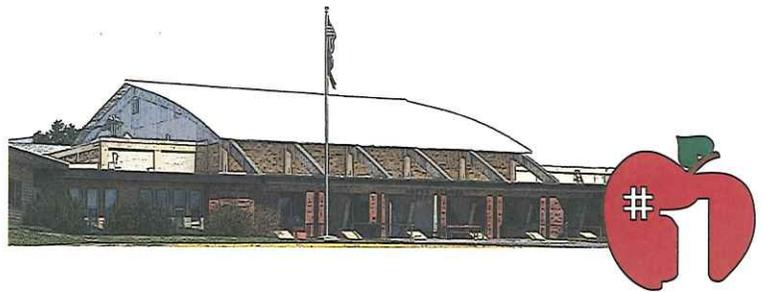


WASCO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #29

DUFUR SCHOOL

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Dear Dufur School Supporters,

Governor Brown's press conference yesterday shined a light on the seriousness of the Covid-19 threat in our state. And although it was difficult to hear, the health of all is priority number one when reopening schools.

All school districts in our state have been working diligently to prepare re-entry plans for when students can return to on site learning. The metrics as announced is a high bar that the Oregon Health Authority has developed. Although Wasco County isn't at the level to allow for in person instruction at this point, we will be well prepared to welcome students back to in person instruction when the numbers allow.

In the interim period, the challenges that face families are at the forefront of all planning efforts for the Dufur School District. Families have communicated the following:

- The challenge of work schedules meshing with student educational time.
- The challenge of accessing daycare to allow for parents to work.
- Concern over the lack of socialization for students due to the lack of in-person instruction.

Our work last spring following school closure provided many lessons:

- Families felt overwhelmed by the number of platforms that the school provided educational material with.
- Scheduling times to have virtual face-to-face time with students was difficult in families with multiple students in the home was a challenge.

To help alleviate challenges to the degree possible, the district will take the following actions:

- Implement a common online curriculum to provide a back bone for learning, (Acellus).
- Plan to provide information to families via Google Classroom Kindergarten through 12 grades.
- Provide ongoing trainings to families on accessing information via Google Classroom and Acellus.
- Provide daily support to families educationally to make the best out of the situation we find ourselves in.
- Monitor progress on a weekly basis and adjust delivery as needed to insure a quality educational program.

In partnership, we are dedicated to educational excellence and life long learning, emphasizing communication, trust, and respect.

- Return to on-site instruction as soon as Wasco County meets the standards.

Many questions will remain on what the 2020/21 school year will be like; to aid in helping families understand the district's direction, we will be scheduling Zoom meetings to provide timely information as the new school year approaches. The first of those meetings will be held on Thursday August 6, beginning at 7:00 pm. The link for the meeting will be sent out on Monday August 3. During this meeting information will be provided on the path for our district, and we will be surveying families on their specific needs.

One of the guiding principles as we enter the new school year is that the educational program provided will be rigorous, and will be graded to assist students along their educational path. We look forward to a return to on site instruction, until we are allowed to use that model, we will make the best of our current situation.

Please call with any questions that you may have, 541-467-2509.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jack Henderson', written in a cursive style.

Jack Henderson, Superintendent