

# Harrington School District No. 204

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Dear Harrington Families,

We want to first thank you for your patience as we navigate our return to school in the fall. Our goal is to get 100% of our students back in the classroom four to five days a week for face-to-face learning. Additionally, we will have an online/homeschool option available to those of you that have indicated concerns about sending your children back in September. As we did this last spring, we can provide each student Pre - 12 with a Chromebook to support student learning whether you participate in face-to-face learning or online. Our reopening committee has been working hard over the past few weeks and will continue to work hard to ensure your children get an exceptional experience whichever route you choose. We want to support all of our families as we navigate together through this pandemic.

At this time, we are planning for different possibilities and anticipating that districts may receive updated direction from the Department of Health, OSPI and the Governor's Office. We want to ensure we are ready to implement a learning model appropriate to any circumstances. Our reopening committee has worked hard this summer to develop comprehensive options for students and families.

Option 1: On-site Face-to-Face Learning in the school building

Option 2: Distance Learning - Online or Homeschool Materials for families with limited or no internet access

We know you still have a lot of questions and concerns about what this fall will look like. Will my child(ren) be safe, do we have to wear masks all day, is there going to be recess, what will lunch look like, etc? Although we do not have all of the answers, as life during this pandemic is always evolving and changing, we can assure you that we are working on multiple plans that will hopefully accommodate any changes that come our way.

Based on current health information and state guidelines, which school districts in our state are required to follow in order to reopen this fall, students are required to wear a mask. However, students will get numerous "mask breaks" throughout the day. We realize that students wearing masks for extended periods of time may be a challenge and they will need breaks. Students will be allowed to remove their masks when eating and when outside provided they are more than six feet from others. An approved alternative to a cloth face mask is a face shield. Students under the age of 5 will not be required to wear a mask but can if they want. We want our students back and are willing to do whatever it takes to make that happen in a safe manner.

Once we have a better idea how many students will be on-site vs distance learning, we will know how many in-person days we will have each week. We are planning on 4-5 in-person learning days in the school building for all students. Please check your email, our Facebook page, or our school website for a new survey for families.

We will continue to do all that we can to have all of our students in school! **Our goal is to get 100% of our students back in the classroom four to five days a week for face-to-face learning.** Please reach out if you have any questions!

Wayne Massie  
Superintendent