



## Unified School District No. 290

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USD 290 Parents,

As we draw closer to the start of school I will continue to do my best to get information out to you as quickly as possible. At the board meeting Monday night our board discussed several items including our reopen plan, athletics and activities, and our calendar. I will do my best to relay that information to you through this means as we continue to progress through the reopen plan.

**Times/Calendar:** Although your child's schedule will differ a little depending on which school they attend we have set specific times for in person instruction. You should be hearing from your schools either by the end of this week or the beginning of next week exactly what your student's schedule will be. However, I can provide those times for you now.

OHS & OMS: M-TH Group A: 7:45-10:45 a.m.

Group B: 12:05-3:05 p.m.

Fri. Group A: 7:45-10:07 a.m.

Group B: 11:27-1:50

Garfield & Sunflower Elementary: M-TH Group A: 7:55-10:55 a.m.

Group B: 12:20-3:20 p.m.

Fri. Group A: 7:55-10:15 a.m.

Group B: 11:35-1:55 p.m.

Lincoln Elementary: M-TH Group A: 8:05-11:05 a.m.

Group B: 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Fri. Group A: 8:05-10:25 a.m.

Group B: 11:45-2:05 p.m.

Preschool: M-F Group A: 7:35-9:35 a.m.

Group B: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Group C: 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Eugene Field:

OLC: M-F 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Engage: M-TH 8:25 a.m.-3:05 p.m.

Fri. 8:25 a.m.-1:50 p.m.

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Adults: M-TH 8:25 a.m.-2:25 p.m.  
Fri. 8:25 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The calendar was also approved for the entirety of the year. The beginning date for students will be September 9 with that last day for students being May 28. I have attached the calendar identifying holidays, quarter and semester end dates, and parent teacher conference weeks as well.

**Athletics/Activities:** The board also had discussion regarding athletics and activities. Currently all of our fall activities will remain with the desire to continue them in as normal a condition as we possibly can while keeping our students and staff safe. Therefore, there will be guidelines that all of our programs will be asked to follow including hygiene principles and training, the wearing of face masks, screening procedures, equipment protocols, and transportation protocols amongst other things, as well as sport/activity specific protocols that are in place to maintain that safe environment to the best of our abilities. All athletic practices will begin on August 17th at both OMS and OHS. I have included the Return to Activities protocol from OHS and OMS. Both of these documents continue to be updated as new information comes to us.

We are working through how we address spectators in this environment. We are currently under Phase 3 of the Governor's reopen plan which would allow for groups of no more than 45 at an event. This certainly creates issues with logistics and who can spectate at an event. Please know that we are in continuous conversations with our county health officials regarding this and are working through what the best solution will be. As we know more we will make sure that OHS and OMS inform everyone as to what our protocols may be, as well as how they differ from other schools in different counties as we attend away events.

**Transportation:** We are also trying to address transportation issues as a hybrid learning environment impacts parents differently. We are looking to add multiple pick up points on both the north side and south side for our in town bus routes in an effort to ease parent anxiety about how to get their kids to and from school, while also lessening the volume of students coming through the drop off line so that we can screen appropriately before coming into the building. Currently our Director of Transportation is working to verify these points. Once we have them locked in we will get that information out to you. However, I thought it was important to let you know that there will be additional pick up and drop off points for our in town bus routes.

As we know more I will continue to keep you informed. Again, I appreciate your patience and support as we continue to work through these difficult times. We look forward to getting our kids back into school and back to learning!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Ryan Cobbs

