

Klickitat School District #402

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Dear Klickitat School District Community Members,

August 19, 2020

Last Friday (Aug 14th) local superintendents met with the Klickitat County Health Department. They informed the group that cases of COVID-19 have been rising in our county and recommended schools in the western part of the county begin in distance learning mode – including Klickitat School District. Monday, our Board of Directors voted to follow this guidance and move us into distance learning for the start of the school year.

While our district has been preparing all summer to host your students in the buildings, we have also been working on plans for teaching from a distance. We recognize the outstanding lengths that teachers, parents, and students went to last spring and are grateful for the innovation and adaptability.

Instruction for this new school year will be different than this past spring. Daily classes, hosted online, will focus on the core subjects – English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. There will be preclass and postclass work as needed. We will also have PE, health, and electives (grades 6-12) with less “face to face” time.

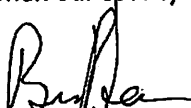
The state is mandating we take daily attendance for our online instruction. Students will need to be online, in their class meetings, to count as present. On campus students will be limited to those with Individualized Education Plans or 504 plans, those who struggled in the spring, or those who have severe connectivity issues (such as no internet). Busing will be available.

The main dates of our opening plan are as follows:

- **Aug 26 (Wednesday) – Student materials Pickup**
 - Times will be arranged with families
 - Schedules of class times will be distributed
 - Initial assignments will be given
 - Lunch will be available for pickup from 10am-1pm
- **Aug 27-28 (Thursday/Friday) – Reopening Conferences**
 - Teachers/administration will reach out and arrange times with families
 - Expectations and plans will be given for each grade span. Some assessments may be given.
 - Lunch will be available for pickup from 10am-1pm
- **Aug 31st (Monday) – Regular online classes**
 - We will continue to serve free meals to our students. A pickup schedule will be given during the first week of school.

We understand this is an ever-evolving situation and will share information as soon as possible. In the coming weeks we will send out another letter detailing our plan to transition from the distance learning mode into full, in-person instruction when our county's COVID-19 cases allow.

Sincerely,


Brian Freeman, Superintendent


Justin Draper, Principal

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