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Greetings,

Summer is coming to a close and it is that time of year where we are all planning for students to return to school. As with much of 2020, this school year is proving to be very different. In the last month you have likely participated in surveys, conversations with administrators and/or heard about the changes that must be made to the way schools provide education in a COVID-19 environment.

On July 25, 2020, Governor Brown announced [new metrics](#) to guide districts on whether schools can open in person, “Returning to in-person instruction is one of Oregon’s highest priorities, and so is providing safety for our students and school staff, as well as the families they return to each day. Schools not only provide the education that Oregon’s children need to succeed, but schools also provide social/emotional growth and support, nutritious meals, and access to medical care. Whether this schooling is provided in person, will depend on many factors. The most important factor is the spread of COVID-19 in our local communities. Schools cannot operate on-site until it is safe, and we cannot create an arbitrary timeline.” As Dr. Anthony Fauci has said, “the virus will make the timeline.”

These requirements include [measures of both state and county rates](#) of infection as well as county rates of positive Corona virus tests. They determine when schools will need to offer instruction online through Comprehensive Distance Learning, when districts may offer in person or hybrid instruction, and when schools must discontinue in person instruction and offer Distance Learning. They inform but do not undo the work that has been done in planning for the school year.

Our regional school districts, Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education program and Adaptive Life Skills program have been designing their [blue prints](#) for the opening of school with your input and the Ready Schools Safe Learners guidance. This new information will increase the focus on reopening and transitioning, should the need arise, from one form of learning to another.

Due to the metrics, at this time our schools are planning for Comprehensive Distance Learning assuring that all students will have access to standards-based, grade-level educational materials and that students will have daily interaction with one or more teachers who will guide their full educational experience. [Comprehensive Distance Learning](#) will meet all federal and state laws, as well as provide additional supports for mental, social, and emotional health, as well as family engagement. These blue prints are due to local public health departments by August 17th. They will also be posted on each school district’s website.

We know that each of you need additional information in order for you to plan for the school year. As information becomes available we will make sure to reach out. For now, our teams are working to digest this new information and develop an education model that provides standards based learning in the safest possible environment.

Please reach out to the program administrator for your student for questions, concerns or to clarify information.

Take care and be well,

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