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Dear Families and Students,

Thank you for your flexibility to support ongoing education during the COVID-19 global pandemic. We know the situation has been challenging for all as we navigate continuous learning from home.

We are writing to share that the much-anticipated guidelines for return to school in the fall were released by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) just yesterday. These recommendations were developed in close collaboration with the state Department of Health and Governor Inslee's office.

General principles in the guidance include that school will resume in the fall, either via in-person instruction or through a hybrid learning model involving a rotating schedule and/or an enhanced form of distance learning. The decision about which option works best for a school district will be left up to either the school district, county, or region to decide, as long as health department guidelines are followed. The OSPI guidance also instructs districts to promote social distancing, screen for illness, wear face coverings and promote good hygiene practices in order to limit the spread of the virus, along with the cancelling or modifying activities that call for large group gatherings. You can view the full guidance issued by OSPI [here](#). We anticipate that guidelines will change and will be flexible in our planning to accommodate the changes. Note: the guidelines have already been revised since yesterday's original release.

Please know that our number one priority is always the health and safety of our students and staff. This priority will be at the heart of every decision we make. This is uncharted territory and there will be some elements of the plan that will need to be worked out along the way. We appreciate your patience as we navigate this process and promise to stay in communication with you moving forward.

We hope you are staying safe and healthy and will be in touch with more information.

Sincerely,

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