



## Highland School District #203

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To HSD Staff, Families, and Community Members,

Please find the current Highland School District Reopening Plan by clicking the following link <https://bit.ly/32dEcc1>. This initial plan, serving as a starting point, was presented to the Highland Board of Directors on July 13, 2020. This initial plan is based on the current COVID-19 situation (Phase 1.5 in the 1-4 scale) in Yakima County at the moment and the directives by OSPI and the Department of Health. We appreciate the Highland community understanding that this is a continuing work in progress. Much can change over the remaining summer months regarding the virus, changes in the phase continuum, and directives from state and local agencies as it relates to the planning and reopening process. Due to those variables a real time finalization of the reopening plan will be shared to our community by August 19. A finalized reopening plan must be approved by the Highland Board of Directors, OSPI and the Yakima Health District. We are committed to communicating any changes and pledge to do our very best to meet the needs of all our students, families and employees of the Highland School District.

All families are asked to be aware that starting the week of August 3, building secretaries and office personnel will be making direct contact with parents to gather information around such topics as transportation, childcare issues, food service, technology training modules, wellness, and other pertinent information that will help us finalize a plan to best meet the needs of our students and families. Please help us in providing the best possible plan by answering the calls and questions that will be posed. Your participation is vital to the planning process.

As we currently stand at the moment there will be some form of remote learning as part of the reopening plan. To support our families, Highland School District is planning a technology learning module during the month of August to introduce parents and families to our technology tools and available platforms that will be used for remote learning when needed due to health directives and guidelines. The learning module process will be communicated once it has been finalized. HSD is committed to supporting our families to better meet the needs of our students.

Thank you to our HEA and PSE union leadership and advisory teams, our administrative and leadership team that have worked collaboratively throughout the school closure, and in this planning process. Our employee unions, building administration and staff continue to demonstrate their commitment to high quality, safe, and caring schools for students and employees. All of us appreciate the input we received from the parents, students and employees that responded to the CEE survey that was open from June 8-26, 2020. We will continue to work together over the summer months to ensure that Highland Schools reopen in a manner that ensures a safe and productive learning environment.

Mark Anderson, Superintendent

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