



March 27, 2020

Dear Beaverton School District Families,

I hope all of you are doing as well as can be through this difficult time. We want all of you to know that we appreciate your patience during this rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic. Per Governor Brown's Executive Order, all schools are to remain closed to students and the community through April 28, 2020. If things change and this break is extended, we will make the necessary adjustments to ensure that we are providing opportunities for your students to prevent learning loss. During extended school closures, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) recommends districts encourage students and families to stay engaged in informal or supplemental learning by creatively utilizing online and offline resources.

During the closure, the District has been providing students with the opportunity for supplemental education and learning supports. The initial Beaverton School District (BSD) Remote Learning Plan (Phase 1) was implemented to cover the first ten days of school closure (March 16 - April 3), excluding the week scheduled for spring break. When Governor Brown extended the closure to April 28, we began planning for Phase 2 of the Remote Learning Plan.

The goals for Phase 2 of the Remote Learning Plan are:

- Connecting teachers with students to maintain relationships and support social emotional wellness during this challenging time. Student and staff well-being is our highest priority.
- Providing supplemental learning opportunities connected to typical classroom curriculum to prevent learning loss.
- Provide credit earning opportunities for high school seniors to graduate on time.
- Ensure all students have equitable access to learning opportunities.
- Provide training and support to teachers and administrative staff with tools and techniques to successfully facilitate learning opportunities remotely.

We understand and realize that many of us are in different spaces in relationship to what is going on and we acknowledge that we have, and will adjust plans moving forward. Our goal with the remote learning plan is to prevent learning loss, and more importantly, to re-establish the connections with students, which is the foundation to our work. For seniors in particular, we acknowledge the immense loss all of you must be feeling, and I want to reassure you that we intend to provide all the necessary learning opportunities so that all of you can graduate.

Next Tuesday, principals will be meeting virtually with their staff members to discuss the details of the remote learning plan. We know and understand that adjustments will be made, and it is our belief that through effective communication that these adjustments will vary between schools, classes and individual students. We share the same anxieties as you all have, but we are excited, as I'm sure you are, to reconnect with staff! We are all in this together! More details of the exact plan will be communicated out next week after staff have had an opportunity to meet.

Thank you for your patience and support through this new way of learning for our students!

Sincerely,

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Beaverton School District

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