

Dear Beaverton School District High School Students and Families,

On Wednesday, Governor Kate Brown announced the decision to close in-person classes for the remainder of the school year. Though many of us anticipated this reality, the announcement hit us hard and has numerous implications. This is a collective letter to you from all of the high school principals in the Beaverton School District. We are united in our commitment providing clear communication to all of our families.

Students and staff are the heart of our schools. We love our students and colleagues and cannot wait to bring life back into our buildings. We realize that in addition to academic learning, the opportunities for students to grow socially; be a part of a team; and be nourished in mind and body all happen at school. It was difficult to see that taken from us. During this time, it is essential that we stay connected to our students and families. Together we will help one another navigate these difficult times. We believe that Remote Learning is one way to help our students continue to move forward in their academic journeys.

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) released directives for the final two months of school that all public schools must follow. They include pathways that allow high school seniors to earn their final remaining high school credits and graduate on time. In short, any senior who was on track to graduate as of March 13<sup>th</sup> will be able to earn credits and graduate. Those who were not on track will have the opportunity to earn additional credits and graduate. All seniors will be contacted, by their counselor, by April 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss their individual plan. The district will also publish information about specific programs such as IB, AP, and Dual Credit courses:-

We know, given the current realities, that we will not be able to hold the many end of year ceremonies/events to celebrate our seniors, as originally planned. That does not change our desire to recognize and celebrate this amazing class of 2020. We are pursuing plans for either a delayed graduation, should social distancing guidelines allow, or a virtual graduation. In addition, we are revisiting all of our end of year celebrations and finding new and creative ways for them to take place.

At this time, we are moving forward with Phase 3 remote learning plans. All 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will continue their coursework remotely through the end of this school year. Teachers will continue to design engaging opportunities so students' progress in their learning. We will do everything possible to ensure that our students are held harmless during this pandemic.

Warm Regards,

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