



# Eatonville School District #404

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*Together, We Commit to Inspiring Lifelong Learners To Create A Better Future*



Town Hall Meeting for parents & guardians  
Tuesday, August 4 at 8:00 a.m. at ZOOM.  
[Town Hall Meeting Link](#)  
Meeting ID: 824 0097 2450  
Passcode: 625044

**\*\*Please consider when completing this [SURVEY](#),  
that this is a yearlong commitment\*\***

July 31, 2020

Dear Eatonville Families,

As we approach August and the start of the school year, I hope you are staying safe and healthy as COVID-19 continues to surge. We have carefully monitored this ever-changing situation, and have created and adapted our plans numerous times in an effort to prepare for fall instruction ([OSPI Reopening Guidance](#)). We anticipate that we will continue to do so until the day school opens on September 2, 2020. Our goal is to serve our students to the best of our ability in part based on [survey results](#), and we remain committed to our vision; "Together, we commit to inspiring Lifelong Learners to create a better future."

I have committed to sharing [fall reopening information](#) as it becomes available. Guidance from Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department indicates that with the current community transmission rate data, they do not feel it is safe to reopen schools to in-person instruction at this time. Small groups are allowed to meet, as this is the determination from the Department of Health in Pierce County. Further, with Governor Inslee reducing the size of gatherings in Phase 2 and delaying Phase 3, we do not find reopening school in-person feasible. As the science of COVID-19 continues to evolve, we will react accordingly.

At this time, we plan for our students to begin the 2020-21 school year with a more robust distance-learning model, using a staged approach for in person re-entry to school. This determination was made based on the COVID numbers in our county. As soon as our numbers come down to a safer rate, our intent will be to open our schools as soon as possible.

Our district leadership and staff have been working closely with the Eatonville Education Association and the Public School Employees on planning for a number of scenarios for the fall. The planning process continues to be collaborative with a mutual commitment to the health and safety of our students, staff, and their families.

Information we know at this time:

- Plan with 100% remote and small group options
  - Students will have their teacher from their school of current enrollment.
  - All students will be required to engage daily in online lessons.
  - Parents will receive an overview of the following week's lesson in advance in the Elementary grades P-5.

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- All grade levels P-12, attendance will be taken daily based on participation in the instruction.
- Grades will be recorded regularly.
- When rates of COVID 19 go to safer levels, students will be able to meet in person with their teacher. They will remain in this cohort all year.
- Virtual/Partnership Option for the school year
  - K-5:
    - Mount Rainier Parent Partnership [K-5](#)(to view curriculum) ([MRPP](#))
    - Elementary Virtual Academy K-5 (EVA)
  - 6-12:
    - Eatonville Online Academy ([EOA](#))

Please check our website for updates. As you will note on the site, there are three scenarios defined by 6 stages for teaching and learning. These [six stages](#) will be determined by the impacts of a changing health situation, available resources, and direction from the [Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction](#) (OSPI), our [Governor](#), and our [Health Department\(s\)](#).

I want to make it clear that we have heard you. Together, we have reviewed our survey responses; we have had conversations with staff, students, parent groups, via emails and phone calls. Teams are thoughtfully working on the implementation of detailed planning to begin the 2020-21 school year with distance learning “Stage 3 - Hybrid Learning.” This means that students will learn remotely while staff members will have limited and monitored access to their instructional space (at their respective school sites) to provide for a more robust experience.

To this end, I want to share two of our priorities:

1. Utilize a common learning management system (Google Learning Management System)
  - Parent/guardian training to support and sustain student success
2. Access
  - Student devices will be 1:1 for all students for the year
  - We remain committed to improving the connectivity issue to include hotspots, and/or other supports

Links have been provided throughout this document that you will find helpful.

- Current Plan submitted to OSPI

I encourage you to familiarize yourself with the [Eatonville Stages of Opening and Instruction](#).

In addition, I invite you to tune in to a Town Hall Meeting for parents and guardians to view the models on, Tuesday, August 4 at 8:00 a.m. at ZOOM [Town Hall Meeting Link](#) Meeting ID: 824 0097 2450 Passcode: 625044

Through collaboration and a commitment to our common purpose of creating safe, caring, respectful school environments, Eatonville’s students will continue to learn at high levels, remain curious, and thrive. We are Eatonville STRONG!

The fortitude, dedication and innovation that we continue to embrace through this process, and in communication with all of you, must continue. After all, learning best happens in community.

Warmest Regards,



Krestin Bahr  
Superintendent  
Eatonville School District

\*Please respond to the [survey by August 7, 2020](#). If we do not hear from you, your student will remain at their respective school of current enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year. ([This is a year-long commitment for your student.](#))