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Hello Nooksack Valley,

It is July, which means our leadership transition is official. I am humbled and excited to continue the great partnerships Mark Johnson created with our community and families as your new superintendent. Throughout the summer, I will update staff and families as conditions change and we prepare for a more normal Fall opening. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions via email at matt.galley@nv.k12.wa.us. I hope you enjoy the start of summer and encourage you to have a safe Fourth of July.

The State Has Reopened But ...

Even though many restrictions have been lifted in our state, school guidelines have not changed. We are planning to open all schools five days a week, full time in the fall with masking and distancing requirements. We are expecting OSPI and the State Health Department to update school guidance the third week of July and our hope is for less restrictive guidelines. Stay tuned.

Summer School

Sessions will begin at each elementary school and the middle school on July 6, and the high school Aug. 3. If you have questions, please reach out to the district office and we will put you in contact with the appropriate school representative. This is a great opportunity for in-person learning to further prepare for next year.

Entry Plan

I am planning to use this transition as a natural time to reflect on the 'state of the district.' Nooksack Valley Schools have done amazing work on behalf of students for the last two decades and we certainly want to continue to improve. I will be visiting schools to speak to staff and students throughout the Fall. I will also be holding community forums to hear from a wide range of community voices. Be on the look out for dates and times as the school year nears.

Once again, I am very excited to begin this new journey with you as we continue to 'Ensure the Success of ALL students.'

With gratitude,
Matt Galley