



Dear West Linn-Wilsonville School District Families and Staff,

Even with the news today of updated health metrics, the crisis of COVID-19 continues, cases are on the rise, and we live in prolonged stress and uncertainty. When tensions arise, so does the risk of division and distrust. During this time, we would like to remind our communities of our shared values and collaborative professional relationships. This letter is an expression of our unified effort, written by representatives from our families (our two school board chairs), our teachers and staff (our two association presidents), and our administration (the superintendent and director of human resources).

We are the West Linn-Wilsonville School District, a network of families, teachers, staff, and administrators. We have long collaborated to achieve our District goals, and this remains true during our current situation of providing an education during a global pandemic. We want our students and families to have their academic and social-emotional needs met and we are working to do that within our Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL), Hybrid and Online Program models.

As Oregon public health authorities provide guidance for safety measures, we continue to collaborate with an unwavering commitment to the interdependence between teachers, staff, students and families. We had already begun opening our campuses, safely and thoughtfully, with small groups of co-curricular activities for our high school students and limited in-person instruction for some students who need evaluations or specially designed instruction. We will continue doing so carefully.

Our district's Operational Blueprint describes a return to in-person school for all students and staff, including safety protocols and procedures for the school day. These plans will help inform how we respond to a possible positive case and conditions under which we will come back together safely afterward. Our priority remains the health and well-being of all students and staff.

Our network of families, teachers and staff have a history of collaborating to make decisions that are mutually beneficial for everyone in our community. We are all living the strain of this pandemic. Together we will practice resilience and adaptability as we carry on our legacy of collaboration. When we reach the other side, we will know we have done this together and will be stronger moving forward.

Sincerely,

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