

# *Superintendent's Update*

March 5, 2021: Governor's Announcement on School Reopening

## **Dear Centennial Families, Colleagues and Community,**

Earlier today, Governor Brown issued an Executive Order directing all Oregon public schools to offer universal access to in-person instruction on or before the weeks of March 29, 2021 for K-5 students and April 19, 2021 for students in grades 6-12. As you know, we have been preparing to bring small groups of students back for limited in-person instruction on March 29, 2021. Based on the Governor's Executive Order, the Centennial School District will immediately begin working in collaboration with our School Board, staff and families to meet those deadlines and reopen in what is likely to be a hybrid model – a combination of in-person and distance learning. In doing so, there will be several logistical considerations in preparing for a return to on-site learning for students, including training in health and safety protocols, transportation, and the updating of hybrid schedules.

It is our understanding that families that wish for their students to remain in Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL) have the ability to do so. Sometime soon we plan to survey our families to effectively gather student numbers for in-person Hybrid Learning and CDL.

The health and safety of our students, staff, and families is always our highest priority. Any plans to reopen still must fall within health guidelines established by the Oregon Health Authority. That means we will require and enforce safe distancing, frequent hand washing and sanitizing, along with all other health guidelines in the state's Ready Schools Safe Learners plan. If those health metrics and safety guidelines change, our plans will change accordingly.

We appreciate your continued support and patience with the ongoing changes we have experienced this past year. Our staff and community have been incredibly resilient and we are proud of the creativity, flexibility and dedication and we work to meet the needs of our students.

**Sincerely,**

**Dr. Paul E. Coakley**

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