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WHEATLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

2020/21 SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN

Hello Families;

We hope this finds you and your families well during this difficult time. As you are aware these are challenging and unprecedented times for all of us. We have worked diligently to develop a plan that we believe will provide the best education we can and also keep the safety and the health of our students as the priority. When we speak of health we mean all aspects of health, which includes physical health and social emotional health of our children. We want to express our appreciation for your patience, trust, and support, as we work together, to keep everyone healthy and safe for student learning and growth.

This is the Reopening Plan taking place in the Wheatland School District effective August 31, 2020. Please understand this plan could change between now and the start of school. The environment and mandates are changing often therefore this plan may change as well. As you are all well aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has created significant barriers to the education process as well as a significant disruption in everyone's lives. However, we firmly believe that our schools play a critical role in the economic health of our community and we are fully aware of the limitations school closures have on our working parents and local industry. We are moving forward to provide the best education we can for our students and families, while balancing our role in protecting the health and safety of our students, staff and community. As of July 16, 2020, the Governor of California directed that schools within counties on the COVID-19 state watchlist must not open for in person instruction and must be off of the state watchlist for 14 consecutive days prior to reconsideration for opening of in person instruction. On July 16 and consistent to the date of this draft, Yuba County is and continues to be on that COVID -19 state watchlist.

With all the information that we have presently, we will provide daily, interactive education via a distance learning platform. We are aware of the strain and parental work conflicts this imposes on families; however, we are following the state mandate. For families who require additional flexibility, the District has designed a truly independent learning model (Home Based Independent Study Program) where instruction is not directed by a teacher, it is 100% computer based and instructional time is flexible. When we are given clearance to open our campuses to in person instruction, we will begin that process as efficiently as possible. Our efforts are being coordinated with our neighboring school districts and Yuba/Sutter County Public Health, in addition we have been directed to adhere to the [guidelines outlined by the CA Dept of Public Health](#).

The models outlined below are what we can offer at this time. Please know we are in an ever-changing environment and these plans may need to be adjusted.

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School Structure Models for the 2020-21 School Year

These plans are based on the knowns at the time of this revision and could change based on future information from the State or County

Option #1 - Daily Interactive Instruction on Google Classroom with Virtual Presentations (i.e. Zoom or Google Meet) See student schedule for specific times:

- This model will transition to classroom-based, on campus classroom (hybrid or regular) when state/local clearance allows
- Students will move from Distance Learning to in person learning with the same instructor that they currently have with very few exceptions
- This model follows the state guidelines and mandate
- Live, scheduled daily interactive instruction, grade-level interaction and rigorous lessons with the classroom teacher
- This model is “substantially equivalent” to in person instruction
- Sessions built into the schedule for independent work, intervention and teacher office hours for help through emails and phone calls
- Student attendance taken daily
- Students will be required to participate in the work and keep a journal of activities to be submitted to school upon request. Student work will be submitted on-line and grades will be assigned
- Lessons and Instructional videos will be loaded on to Google classroom so that students and parents will have access at any time

Option #2 – Home Based Independent Study

- The families that choose not to enroll in the daily interactive model above can enroll their children in our Home-Based Independent Study Program
- If you choose this option you must commit for the full trimester
- This model will not end when state/local clearance allows for regular instruction
- Students that chose to remain in the program may remain and students that chose to transition to classroom-based, on campus instruction, when state/local clearance allows for regular instruction, may transition back to the classroom at the trimester
- Students that transition back to in person learning will be placed in a classroom with a teacher they have not worked with during this program period
- This Home-Based Independent Study model is offered as an alternate to the Distance Learning Model above and therefore will require application and superintendent approval

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- Technology based lessons to access at family convenience. The daily commitment is approximately 3 hours per day
- Students will be required to meet either in person or virtually with the Home-based Independent Study Staff once per week
- Student work/documents to be submitted through the program weekly
- Office hours for help will be offered through emails and phone calls. Work tutorials are available through the technology program
- No live instruction takes place in this program. The parent is the learning guide. The program has learning guidance, pacing plans and built in assessments
- Students are expected to log in and engage each school day. Technology based lessons can be accessed at any time for family convenience
- Attendance will be taken and monitored daily by the teacher through student logins monitored by the program
- Students will be required to participate in the work and keep a journal of activities to be submitted to school upon request

Comparison Chart – Option 1 and Option 2	Distance Learning (Option 1)	Home Based Independent Study (Option 2)
Daily, interactive lessons with a teacher	YES	NO
Attendance will be taken daily	YES	YES
Required Directed Instruction Time is 3 hours per day (Distance Learning is with classroom teacher. Home Based Ind Study is with parent)	YES	YES
Independent Work is Required	YES	YES
The model that will be as close to the onsite school feel without actually being able to go to school to class	YES	NO
Interactions with peers similar to school day without actually being able to go to class	YES	NO
Interactive lessons in addition to software resources and teacher assignments within Google Classroom	YES	NO
Google Classroom and resources that can be accessed 24/7	YES	NO
Software based instruction	NO	YES
Teacher accessible to student during school day office hours	YES	YES
Teacher accessible for in person office visits by appointment if socially distanced	YES	YES

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Students work will be graded	YES	YES
IEP services provided during the school hour day	YES	YES

Preschool Plans – Preschool will be in school from 8:30 – 11:30am. Parents must sign in and sign out using the book provided. This signing must be done outside. Parents are not to enter the classrooms and are to wear a mask when dropping/picking up at door. Distance learning for preschool will not be an option at this time.

TK – 8th Grade Technology

Please complete this short survey, by August 3, 2020, for each of your children if you have not done so already: [TK-8th Grade Technology Survey](#)

Revised School Calendar

Click here to see the revised calendar:

School Offices

Offices officially open on August 3, 2020. If you see school staff at school prior to August 3 and the office is not open, please understand that we are attending to other duties and preparations. Starting August 3 – August 28 the school office hours will be 7:00 – 3:30 p.m. School office hours for the duration of Distance Learning model will also be 7:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Class Assignment

If your student attended Wheatland School District in 2019-2020 and you have completed your data confirmation, you will receive a class assignment by checking your student's Aeries account on August 25 after 12 p.m. If you are new to our district and have enrolled as a new family for 2020-21, you will need to please call your school site between 12:00 – 3:30 p.m. on August 25 or 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. on August 26 to receive your classroom teacher assignment. Please note for all families, we will not be making changes to schedules for 6th - 8th grade students or classroom assignments TK- 5th. This is a challenging time to coordinate Distance Learning schedules and assignments. Our administrators have taken requests into consideration, however, not all will be met and we ask your patience and grace during this time.

- Bear River School: 530-633-3135
- Lone Tree School and Wheatland Charter Academy: 530-788-0248
- Wheatland Elementary School: 530-633-3140

Materials and Meet the Teacher

You will go to your school site to pick up classroom materials with your student at your assigned time. Please be respectful of social distancing, wear masks and understand that this will be brief as there will be other families waiting. Your teacher will be outside of the

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classroom at a table with materials to give to you, including your Google Classroom code, workbooks and journal. The 6th-8th grade distribution will happen from the Home Room Teacher. If you have arranged for a computer check out (complete the survey by Aug 3, 2020 and you will be contacted), this will be available with the teacher at this time. This will be a brief period for you and your child to pick up materials and say hello to their new teacher. Teachers will be happy to chat with you further via phone at a later time if you have specific questions that are not addressed in the Back to School presentation that will be available in your child's Google Classroom on August 31.

Please visit the school's website for your scheduled time on August 26th. Emails will also be sent through the District's Aeries system with the schedule.

Food Service

At each school campus, school days, 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., lunch for that school day and breakfast for the next will be distributed outside of the cafeterias. Please follow signage and remain in your car, food will be brought curbside. Please complete the Meal Application online at August 28, 2020 at the link below: www.ezmealapp.com

Afterschool Program

The Afterschool Program is not open during Distance Learning or Independent Study. If you have been notified that you have a placement in Afterschool Program, this will carry over to a time when school can re-open to in person, onsite instruction. No fees will be charged until service is provided.

Communication

We will maintain communication with you all as our planning evolves and takes shape. The past three months have been challenging for our community, to say the least, and there will be no shortage of challenges as we navigate the year ahead. We want to recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic has been a traumatic event in the lives of our staff, our students, and our community. As such, we should make time and space for ourselves, talk about our recent experiences with others, and be of support for one another. Please know that the school district cares deeply about you and your family. We are working diligently in your best interest. Our school counselors will be available for all students needing support because of COVID 19 or for any other reason.

Back to School Night

All teachers will have a pre-recorded video discussing their teaching background, and will include a class tour. They will also include a presentation of the curriculum and other classroom information. This pre-recorded video will be available on August 31, 2020 for parents to view at their leisure. The video will be posted within the assigned Google Classrooms. A email will be sent out by the teacher on what specific times they will be available to answer any Back to School questions you may have.

All Campus Activities/Mass Gatherings are Currently Suspended for 2020/2021