



NESTUCCA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*Inspiring individual excellence, instilling diligence,
and initiating life-long learning.*

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Dear Nestucca Valley Community,

Each day, I become more confident that our district will be able to meet the changing federal and state guidelines, concerning Covid 19 protocols, allowing our district to welcome students back to a full time on-site schedule, in September of 2021. Having attended multiple state planning meetings concerning the start of the 2021 school year, and discussing these requirements with our administration team, we have developed a plan that would meet the proposed Ready School Safe Learners Guidance for the fall. The official guidance will not be released by the state until July 19, 2021, but I am hopeful that things will continue to improve, thus loosening restrictions. It is likely that we will have to run two sets of bus routes in order to transport all students under the state guidance, which means we would have staggered start times. All of these variables will be much clearer in the coming months.

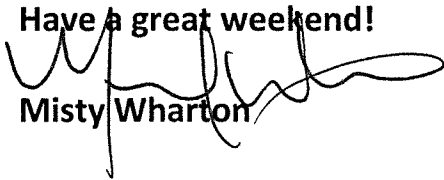
As families begin to plan for what their fall routine will look like, I believe it is realistic for you to count on full day/five days per week instruction for your children.

Even as I type that, I get nervous because what I have learned over the past year is that just as soon as we feel like we are driving in one direction, everything changes, including all of our plans. Therefore, it is important to remember that in making this declaration, I am counting on the fight against the COVID 19 virus to continue on its current trajectory. Things that could derail that trajectory are virus variants and people not vaccinating when given the option.

I know that all of us have a great deal more learning to do over the next few months concerning what the daily update to the guidance will be. I just wish to convey that our team is planning for, and will work hard to ensure, that our kids are back full time in the fall.

As a community, we have been very fortunate through this process. We have taken a conservative, calculated approach throughout this year. I am thankful for a community that may not always agree on the decisions, but does agree that our kids, and the health of our community, are the most important things. I am also very thankful to our staff who have worked tirelessly to tool and retool, sometimes as often as every day, to meet the ever changing requirements placed upon us by the state and federal government. It has been a HUGE group effort to place our community in the position to look to the fall as a return to a “semi-normal” routine. Thank you to everyone for all of the sacrifice and hard work this past year.

Have a great weekend!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Misty Wharton', written over the printed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'M' and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Misty Wharton