



RETURN TO LEARN *Re-Opening Schools Update 07.22.2020*

Dear Families -

I hope that you are taking advantage of the beautiful weather and enjoying the summer. The Lake Chelan School District continues to work on plans to re-open our schools this fall based on the guiding principles that have been approved by our school board. So far, we have focused our attention on developing Standard Operating Procedures for each school building to ensure the health and safety of both our students and staff. We have created specific, smart protocols for each facility.

As I am sure most of you know, if we expect to open for in-person instruction, we need the help of all of you and the entire community to lower current transmission rates. Ultimately the Department of Health will determine whether or not we will be able to have in-person instruction. So, wear a mask, practice social distancing and good hygiene at all times.

After much reading, study and interacting with my regional colleagues as well as reviewing the current transmission rates in our county, I am anticipating that we will start school online. A final decision will be made in early August.

At this point in time, your feedback is critically important to us and will help guide our thinking as we continue to develop various models for the upcoming school year. Please complete the short survey that can be accessed online via this link: [Return to Learn Parent Survey](#)

Later this month, we will be expanding this process and principals will be leading specific building work groups involving employees, staff, parents and students. These groups will be tasked with determining the plans that our school district will offer for the start of the upcoming school year. The plans must receive approval from our local health department and eventually be approved by our school board two weeks prior to the start of school.

Although there is much uncertainty regarding the fall, I know by working closely together, we will come up with workable and creative solutions. I am confident that we can and will design models that will best serve our students and the challenges posed by this highly infectious pandemic.

Stay safe and continue to check our district website regarding our **Return to Learn** planning for this fall as I will be posting weekly updates from this point forward.

Barry DePaoli
LCSD Superintendent

Guiding Principles

The following principles have been established and will serve as a guide to develop our "Return to Learn Plan" for this fall



HEALTH & SAFETY

Ensure safe working conditions and learning environments. Leverage science, data and public health leadership to inform decisions.



EQUITY & ACCESS

Address systemic inequities and provide additional support to students who need it. Center decisions on what is best for students, families and educators.



INSTRUCTION

High quality instruction for all students; provide choice for families wherever possible



TRAINING

Provide adequate technology training for parents and students. Provide time and flexibility necessary for staff to prepare for all models



COMMUNICATION

Listen and ensure transparency and be decisive regarding decisions to re-open school. Provide translation for Hispanic families.