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Dear MRSD Families,

It has only been 10 short days since we received the health metric requirements for re-opening our physical buildings from ODE and OHA. The decision to shift from our planned hybrid learning model quickly evolved to beginning the 2020-21 school year in comprehensive distance learning model. The current rate of the Covid-19 virus does not meet the state and county specific metrics to safely reopen our buildings at this time. During the previous week, we completed parent information sessions at every grade level and heard very clearly that our families needed the school model decision in order to make plans for their students and their family. When we communicated our shift to comprehensive distance learning, we also stated that we would remain in this model through the first trimester of the school year.

ODE/ OHA Metrics for In-person Instruction or Hybrid Instruction Model  
**Applies to all Grade and All Districts**

	Cases per 100,000 people	Test Positivity Rate
State-Wide Metric	n/a	5.0% or less
County Specific Metric	10 or fewer cases	5.0% or less
	Both State and County Metrics must meet the above rates over 7 days, AND must be met for 3 consecutive weeks.	

Governor Brown did provide some specific exceptions for younger learners in grades K-3 and for rural or remote school districts with fewer than 100 students. The adjusted metrics were provided with the following considerations. Younger learners get the virus at lower rates, get less sick, and spread the virus less than older students and adults. Younger students also need more in-person instruction to build literacy and match skills essential for lifelong learning.



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ODE/ OHA Metrics for In-person Instruction or Hybrid Instruction Model  
**K-3 Learners, Rural or Remote School Districts (less than 100 students)**

	Cases per 100,000 people	Case Positivity Rate
County Specific Metric	30 or fewer cases	5% or less
	County Metrics must meet the above rates over 7 days.	

In addition to the adjusted metrics, Covid-19 must not be actively spreading within the school community and the district must be in compliance with Sections 1-3 of the Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidance.

Our goal is to have students return to our schools as soon as it is safe for us to resume in-person instruction, whether that be with hybrid learning or full in-person instruction. The district will closely monitor the weekly health metrics and will remain flexible to the consideration of returning our K-3 learners to the classroom under the exception metrics listed above.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Mann".

**Highlights in this week's Update**

- **Details & Deadlines for School Options Forms**
- **Focus on Health and Well-Being**
- **Seismic Upgrades at Clarkes Elementary**
- **Child Care Options**

### **School Options and Selection/ Intention Form Deadlines**

This week our elementary and middle school principals hosted information sessions about comprehensive distance learning for their individual school communities. Our high school will be hosting their meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 12th. Following each session, a letter has been/will be sent outlining the instructional options and will include a link to an infographic that illustrates the differences in the options, as well as, include a link to a selection/intention form. This form is the process we are using to learn from you which school option you are choosing for your student(s) for the upcoming school year.

	Selection Form Sent	Complete Selection by
Elementary School	Aug. 6	Aug. 12- noon
Middle School	Aug. 7	Aug.11-noon
High School	Aug. 12	Aug.16-noon

### **School Option Infographics**

[Elementary Options Graphic](#)

[Secondary Options Graphic](#)

### **School Options Selection/ Intention Forms**

[Elementary School Option Selection Form](#)

[Middle School Option Intention Form](#)

[High School Option Intention Form](#)

**It is critical that we receive a form back for each student in the district.** This information will inform our planning and will assist us with staffing both models based on the numbers of students electing each option. We appreciate your assistance in completing the forms for your student(s) by the requested deadline.

### **Focus on Health and Well-Being- Week 6**

This week Molalla River District school nurse, Dr. Jan Olson, provides additional information about Covid-19 and Mental Health, Click [here](#) to read “Covid-19 and Mental Health, Part 2- Anxiety”.

### **Seismic upgrade at Clarkes Elementary**

More great progress on the seismic upgrade project at Clarkes.



### **Child Care Options**

We have heard that child care is a concern for some families this fall. The following information was provided to us by Clackamas County Educational Services District.

Clackamas County currently has 76 Childcare providers who have openings for child care. Parents can dial “211” to learn more about child care options in the area.

Parents can reach 211 in the following ways:

- Calling 211 or 1-866-698-6155 . Listen for the prompt for Child Care and press the specified number.
- Texting the keyword “children” or “niños” to 898211 (TXT211).
- Email [children@211info.org](mailto:children@211info.org).

Parents should have following information available when contacting “211”.

- - parent first name and last name
- - child’s DOB and first name
- - address to search for care (near home or work)
- - email address to send referrals
- - any childcare requests
- - days/times needed