



## Roseburg Public Schools

### District to start year with online learning in accordance with state requirements

July 28, 2020 – Roseburg Public Schools learned today from the Oregon Department of Education that counties in Oregon will need to meet certain parameters related to COVID-19 cases before school districts will be allowed to reopen for in-classroom learning. Douglas County at this time does not meet those criteria, as our local case level is too high. This means that Roseburg Public Schools will start the 2020-2021 school year with Comprehensive Remote Learning.

The district agrees that this is the best decision for keeping our students, staff and families safe. Starting off the school year in this manner provides an exciting opportunity to focus on building relationships with our students. The district will also be able to strengthen our online learning systems and ensure they are robust and effective while giving our district additional time to prepare for the return of students to classrooms. This strong start to online learning centered on equity will serve as a stepping stone to the implementation of the hybrid and in-class learning models that we have been preparing and will continue to improve upon.

“Our district will continue to do everything possible to maintain the safety and health of our community while supporting all of our students,” said Superintendent Jared Cordon. “We believe that this delayed start to in-classroom learning will ensure our families, students, teachers and staff can provide the high-quality learning opportunities that will be necessary to ensure our students get back on track and stay on track.”

As we pivot toward this new plan required by the state, some of our initial plans include:

1. The start of the school year will be Aug. 31, at which point meal delivery via school bus and grab ‘n’ go meal availability at school sites will begin. At this point, we will begin a process of parent support opportunities and staff professional development intended to prepare everyone for an online learning platform.
2. We will begin reaching out to families soon to assess technology and device needs and will create plans for device distribution prior to the start of the school year.
3. We will be implementing the Canvas Learning Management System that will make the online experience more manageable and more effective for students, parents and staff.
4. We are considering how to best provide support and resources to our parents and staff prior to the first day of school.

As we work on our updated plans and continue to receive guidance from the state, we will provide updates on factors such as scheduling, attendance, grades, athletics, Special Education and extracurricular activities.

The district will continue to post updates on our website, [www.roseburg.k12.or.us](http://www.roseburg.k12.or.us).