

Stanwood-Camano School District

Friday Family Message

July 3, 2020

Reopening Schools Update--A Focus on Safety

The health and safety of students and staff continue to be the district's top priority. Given the uncertainty that comes with the COVID-19 pandemic, the District will make all decisions and plan its education programs with a priority on student and employee health and safety over all other considerations.

Some parents have advocated for all schools to open full time for all students in the fall. The district cannot safely return students and staff to school full-time given the Department of Health (DOH) guidelines related to social distancing and screening.

According to the Guidelines for Reopening Schools from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), the district must ensure that the following DOH requirements can be met before opening schools in the fall:

- Practice physical distancing of 6 feet for all students and staff as much as possible (e.g. move desks six feet apart, cancel field trips/assemblies, stagger arrival/dismissal times)
- Obtain and provide PPE for all staff
- Develop screening protocols for staff and students
- Develop transportation routes/protocols
- Develop food service protocols
- Create a cleaning and disinfecting control plan
- Develop training for staff/students
 - Handwashing
 - Screening
 - Mask wearing
- Limit the use of shared learning materials (e.g. purchase sufficient supplies and materials so that students do not have to share)
- Create a response and communication plan in the event a student/staff member shows signs of COVID-19 symptoms at school or on buses.

A team of staff and community members are creating plans to ensure the above guidelines are met.

Additionally, teams of staff and community members are meeting to develop next year's instructional plan for our students. This team will identify the standards most essential to student success in each grade level, program, and content area.

We will be requesting more input from our families when plans become more specific.

The district will continue to provide information and updates to families and staff throughout the summer regarding the reopening of our schools.