

## **Stanwood-Camano School District**

### **Family Communication**

**Thursday - October 15, 2020**

The Friday Family Message is being sent early this week. Many of you may have seen that the Snohomish County Health District urged Snohomish County superintendents “to pause on any plans to expand in-person learning opportunities [due to] a new rolling two-week case rate that shows the county at 71.8 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people.” He explained that “this is a sharp increase from previous weeks.” Dr. Spitters emailed guidance to school leaders asking them to “not move ahead now on any plans to bring in additional students.” He also stressed that, at this time, “there is no need to go backward at schools that have already started to bring in students Kindergarten to 3rd grade, or those with special needs.”

According to the health district, at the beginning of next week, Dr. Spitters wants to have further conversations with the state, review the metrics, and has stated that as long as hospitalizations and long-term care facility impacts remain stable, we may be able to proceed as previously planned. We will be meeting with Dr. Spitters on Tuesday, October 20th, to discuss our plans to bring back 4th and 5th grade students for face-to-face instruction on October 26th. While most grade levels will continue as they currently are, we encourage families of our 4th and 5th grade students to be prepared for remaining in continuous learning or for the opportunity to shift to hybrid instruction. We still have not received any guidance on when middle and high school students can return in a hybrid model.

You will receive an update from the district on Tuesday afternoon, October 20th. Please keep in mind this is a very fluid situation. We have been asked by the health district to remind everyone that it is still critical that we limit social gatherings and wear face coverings when around those outside of your household.

Thank you for your continued patience and support.