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Reynolds School District to Remain in Comprehensive Distance Learning Through March 26, 2021

February 2, 2021, Fairview, OR – Due to the current and expected level of COVID-19 risk in Multnomah county as well as new information regarding vaccinations for school staff, Dr. Danna Diaz, Reynolds School District Superintendent of Schools recommended to the Reynolds School Board that Reynolds School District remain in Comprehensive Distance Learning through March 26, 2021 (the end of Spring Break). This recommendation is intended to allow additional planning time to offer safe in-person instruction in the future and greater deployment of the COVID-19 vaccine. The Reynolds School Board acted and approved this reopening plan at the January 27th Board Business Meeting.

Although the mandate has changed for return to in-person learning, Reynolds School District maintains its priority for safety. The current metrics are advisory until the district receives new guidance from the state. RSD will maintain using these metrics to determine when it may be safe to open for in-person instruction for RSD’s students and staff. The COVID-19 risk metrics for Multnomah County continue to remain in the "Extreme Risk" category and RSD expects the risks to continue for some time according to recent projections. You can monitor the county metrics on our website [here](#) or on the state website [here](#).

Although vaccinations for teachers and support staff are beginning this week, deployment of the vaccine for PreK-12 staff is scheduled in waves over the coming weeks and the vaccination process can take up to six weeks to provide the expected level of effectiveness. You can find more information on the COVID-19 vaccine [here](#) and [here](#).

“District leadership are currently reviewing all input to determine the feasibility and timing of providing in-person instruction in the future. This includes recent family and staff surveys to give us an indication of your own concerns for health and safety.” states Dr. Danna Diaz, Reynolds School District Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Diaz added, “I would like to thank all of you who gave us this vital feedback, and I fully understand the seriousness of your concerns for the safe return of students, teachers and staff to our schools.”

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Each and every child in Reynolds School District is prepared for a world yet to be imagined. Reynolds School District recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups in our society. Reynolds School District Board of Education ensures that all educational programs, activities and employment will be free of discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, parental or marital status, or age.

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