

Southside School District

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Dear Southside School District Family,

Thank you for completing the family surveys. Your input has been very helpful. We have considered the input from our families, staff, community members, Mason County Department of Health, Center for Disease Control, decisions from neighboring districts, and from state and federal officials in both planning and making decisions. Southside District's primary focus is on the health and safety of our students, families, and staff as we plan for reopening school. After careful consideration of numerous sources of information, the increasing COVID-19 cases in Mason County, and the clear concerns expressed by our Public Health Officer, the Southside School Board made a unanimous decision to start school with our Remote Continuous Learning 2.0 model where our students will be in **100% remote distance learning in Fall 2020.**

The Remote Continuous Learning 2.0 model will be strongly focused on quality learning for all students and may include options for small group onsite instructional intervention with adherence to the Washington State Department of Health requirements. We will be providing a much improved model with increased opportunities for connections with students and families and greater levels of support. We have been given quality feedback on what worked and what did not work. We will focus on the essential standards for each grade level with a common program from which students and families can gather their assignments and communications. Connections will be coordinated so that families do not have all students trying to zoom at the same time. There will be increased requirements for student involvement and participation as well as targeted and increased communication efforts. Our goal remains to provide a successful learning experience for all of our students. The remote learning model will be in place through the first trimester **or** until we can safely transition our students to a hybrid or traditional face-to-face learning model.

Detailed information regarding enrollment, schedules, attendance, course completion, and grading will be provided soon. You will be receiving a letter from your child's teacher with specific information prior to the start of school on September 1. We appreciate your patience and support as we move forward with our reopening plan and please know the heartfelt decision-making that went into selecting what we believe to be the healthiest and safest models for each member of our Southside family and community.

Sincerely, Doris Bolender

Principal/Superintendent

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