

Astoria School District Parents & Guardians:

I hope your summer is off to a good start. I appreciate your patience with the school district this spring as we switched to distance learning, with the priority of engaging families.

I want to share with you that the District is preparing for the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Oregon Department of Education (ODE) released [Ready Schools, Safe Learners Guidance](#) which is guidance designed for school leaders that puts forward requirements and recommendation school staff will use for the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. You can find this guidance on the Astoria School District website at [www.astoria.k12.or.us](http://www.astoria.k12.or.us). The Oregon Health Authority helped create this guidance so that we could have clear health and safety protocols to follow for a variety of scenarios. Astoria School District staff are in the process of reviewing the guidance provided by the Oregon Health Authority and ODE, which will continue to be updated by the State throughout the summer. Please know that the District is required to follow the guidance from the Oregon Health Authority and ODE. One of our main priorities for the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year is the health and safety of students and staff.

Astoria School District is required to complete an Operational Blueprint for Reentry in to school this fall. At this point, the District is concentrating our efforts on the Health and Safety section of the guidance. After District Staff have completed the Health and Safety protocols, we will determine how Astoria School District will bring back students to school buildings this fall. Every school, under the District's direction, determines whether we teach all students on site, teach all students through distance learning, or utilize a hybrid model. The Health and Safety guidance, when completed by District staff, will determine which instructional model(s) we will utilize.

We expect to know the structure of our schools sometime toward the end of July. As soon as plans have been confirmed, the District will contact you with information. I continue to appreciate your support and flexibility as we work to meet the needs of all students.

Please know that parent and community input is vital to our planning process. As we prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, the District will be reaching out to parents to share school information and to provide opportunities for parent input.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (503) 325-6441 or email me at [choppes@astoria.k12.or.us](mailto:choppes@astoria.k12.or.us).

Sincerely,  
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