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Dear Stevenson-Carson School District Families,

It has been my great honor to begin my tenure as your superintendent this month as we plan for educational options for the coming school year. I recognize how important it is for families to have options that meet a variety of needs and am excited to share the results of our planning. During the COVID-19 pandemic, our fall return to education looks a little different than in the past, just like most things these days.

The health and safety of our students and staff is always our top priority, in addition to providing a quality education. With those priorities in mind, I am writing to share an update on our plans to deliver education this fall. Maintaining a physically and emotionally safe learning environment for staff and students will mean significant changes, but we will come together to provide a meaningful educational experience within these boundaries.

The Stevenson-Carson School District has been considering several options based on guidance we are receiving from the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). We asked for your feedback along with feedback from other stakeholder groups. Using all of this information, our school board approved the following return to school options:

- **Full in-person return:** It is our hope that elementary students (grades K-5) will return to campus in the fall with physical distancing and masks. The grade levels included in this part of the plan could change as enrollment adjustments are made. This element of our plan will only be possible if health metrics in late August allow.
- **Some in-person and some distance/remote learning:** Under this “hybrid model,” students in grades 6-12 would spend two days a week in school and the other three days engaged in distance/remote learning. More details regarding specific schedules will be coming soon as community and staff work groups engage in planning.
- **Remote/distance learning:** All students have the option of returning to school in the fall through an entirely remote/distance learning model. This distance/remote learning option will be a significantly enhanced version of the approach used in the spring of 2020. Depending on the progression of the virus, we may begin with or transition to this model throughout the school year.



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- **Opening of the Wind River Education Center (WREC) as Wind River Middle School:** The capacity to serve students in our facilities while adhering to physical distancing requirements requires flexibility and creativity. Opening this facility as our middle school allows for serving more students safely. Wind River Middle School will serve students in grades 6-8 for the 2020-21 school year. Future plans beyond the coming year will be determined in spring 2021.

As we all know, with the progression of the virus, plans and information may change. Work groups are engaging in planning the details of each educational model. It is our pledge to keep you informed as we move forward together. Thank you for your patience as we navigate this unprecedented time together.

If you have questions, you can reach out to me any time at [colvardi@scsd303.org](mailto:colvardi@scsd303.org). I am full of hope and optimism as I know we can come together as a community to make school a positive and safe experience.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent