

October 9, 2020

Dear Highland School District Parents and Community,

On September 28, 2020, the Yakima Health District (YHD) provided written guidance that now allows local districts to implement a “hybrid/in-person” on-site learning environment. The guidance calls for a phased-in approach, following specific safety guidelines and protocols. Please find the current Highland School District Reopening Plan by clicking the following link [\(HERE\)](#). This plan was presented and approved by the Highland Board of Directors on October 5, 2020. In addition, the plan has been submitted to YHD. We appreciate the Highland community’s understanding and patience as this situation continues to be a challenging work in progress. We are committed to communicate any changes and pledge to do our very best to meet the needs of all our students, families and employees of the Highland School District.

Please be aware that as we phase in more students over time, adjustments to transportation times may be made due to the restrictions of bus capacity. We will communicate any potential changes the best we can in a timely manner.

Our employee unions, building administration and staff continue to demonstrate their commitment to high quality, safe, and caring schools for students and employees. We will continue to work together to ensure that Highland Schools reopen in a manner that ensures a safe and productive learning environment. Once again, we are very grateful for the support, grace and patience many of you have granted as we continue to navigate this ongoing situation. Please be watching for more direct communication from your child’s teacher and/or principal.

Mark Anderson

Superintendent