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Dear Families of Jefferson County School District 509-J.

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. Our students began the 2020-21 school year this week and focused on learning the technology and building relationships with classmates and teachers. Computer devices and hotspots were distributed to those students and families who needed them for the Distance Learning Model or the CASA Online program.

Families with students enrolled in the Comprehensive Distance Learning model will receive daily direct instruction through the Google platform and a weekly communication which describes what your student will be learning for the week. A schedule for direct instruction via Google Meet will also be provided. Families with students enrolled in the CASA Online program will receive regular communication from a teacher, but will engage more independently though self-paced learning.

The Oregon Department of Education recently released guidance for limited small group instruction. District staff are examining the limitations within the guidance and the opportunities for implementation within our schools. This support structure may be ready for implementation as soon as mid-October.

Our school offices are open and school staff are in place to assist during Comprehensive Distance Learning. Please feel free to contact the school office or your student's teachers directly. We know it is important that school staff and family members work closely to support our students now more than ever before - we appreciate your continued patience and support.

Jefferson County must drop below a 5% positive rate for Covid-19 for three consecutive weeks in order to have the option to return to an on-site school model. The rate of those testing positive for Covid-19 dropped to 7% last week; we hope progress continues.

Our school meal distribution plan has been expanded to include delivery of meals along bus routes. Please see this attachment for meal site pickup information and times https://www.jcsd.k12.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/2020.9.14-Meal-Route-and-Delivery-Schedule.pdf

Thank you for your support and collaboration,

Ken Parshall Superintendent Jefferson County School District 509-J