



**SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

Preparing children for an ever changing world

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Friday, March 20, 2020

Neah-Kah-Nie Parents and Students,

As you are well aware, through [Executive Order 20-08](#), Governor Kate Brown ordered public schools to remain closed to students from March 16, 2020, through April 28, 2020, unless that period is extended or terminated earlier by the Governor. What does the Governor's order mean to the 800 preschool to 12th grade students the NKN School District is responsible for educating, for 171 days? What does the Governor's order mean for our outstanding school district employees who prepare nutritious meals, educate, clean up after, mentor, and care for your children? The school district understands our dedicated employees need the assurance from the school district that they will be paid during this difficult time. NKN School District wants our employees to focus on student learning and wellbeing and not on financial insecurity. This is why there will not be an interruption in regular salaries or benefits. Let's not forget the incredible job First Student bus drivers do to safely transport students.

The Governor's order means many things in the short and long term. First, the school district is constantly reviewing and prioritizing essential and non-essential services. With over 50% of our students qualifying for free or reduced meals, ensuring that all children have breakfast and lunch is a top priority. The school district began providing breakfast and lunch to our many students on Monday, March 16. See the breakfast & lunch delivery schedule here: [NKN Meal Pickup/Delivery Schedule](#) The school district is keenly aware that, regardless of a pandemic, there are no waivers for student's individual rights. Concerning communicable diseases: NKN School District has board policy JHCC Communicable Diseases [here](#) and JHCC AR-Communicable Diseases Student [here](#)

What is the timeline for students to receive a high quality education during the coronavirus pandemic?

March 16-20 Moved to June 8-12

Licensed and classified staff are off.

Selected NKN staff and administrators collaborate with Northwest Regional Education Service District's (NWRESD) to develop a tentative plan to provide remote learning.

Administrators work on a plan to teach using instructional packets.

Schools begin identifying students who do not have internet access.

Develop supplemental learning site on the school district's website.

March 23-27 Spring break

March 30-April 3 Licensed and classified staff receive professional development on remote learning and use of supporting supplemental instructional materials.

April 6-Supplemental learning and instructional packet plan implemented.

It is important for students and parents to understand, NKN School District staff have never taught students remotely or with learning packets to this extent, ever. This will be a new experience for students, parents, and staff. However, the school district has many things in its favor. First and foremost, our dedicated staff. Also, we are taking the necessary time to train classified and licensed staff before we implement our plan. The school district has been a 1:1 mobile device district for six years. Students understand how to use mobile devices as learning devices and teachers understand how to use technology as instructional tools. Many of the secondary curriculums are online already. The school district's website was recently redesigned (nknsd.org) with a coronavirus page. We are working with a web designer to create a remote learning web page; hopefully, this will be on the school district website tomorrow.

NKN School District is ready to accept the challenge of its mission: **“NKN School District prepares students to become productive and responsible citizens for an ever-changing world through diverse educational opportunities in partnership with the community.”**

Finally, please support the first responders who are on the front lines of combating this virus and do not forget the community members who have lost their jobs or whose businesses are facing the consequences of this pandemic.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's principal or contact me at 503-355-2222.

Be safe by washing your hands and continue with social distancing practices.

Sincerely,



Paul Erlebach, Superintendent

Neah-Kah-Nie School District