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Dear Neah-Kah-Nie School District Preschool Parents,

I hope you are having a relaxing and safe summer with friends and family. The Neah-Kah-Nie School District is excited to serve you and your children during this time of uncertainty. How the school district will serve you and your children is the big question? Adding to the uncertainty, is the status of the preschool teacher. Regretfully, I have to announce that veteran NKN School District preschool teacher Angie Douma resigned as the NKN preschool teacher and will now be the new NKN Middle School English Language Arts teacher. We are very excited for Angie and the NKN Middle School staff and students; however, the timing is not ideal for preschool students and parents.

This is the plan for the NKN Preschool:

August 21	Advertise for a preschool teacher
September 14	First day of preschool pending a successful teacher search
Sept. 14-Nov. 13	Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL)
November 16	First day of a hybrid model (Comprehensive Distance Learning & on site learning) pending approval by Tillamook County Health Department

What will a Comprehensive Distance Learning model look like for my preschool age child? The current plan, for the first nine weeks, is for the teacher to record "chunks" of instructional lessons including: calendar, numbers, alphabet, music, physical activity, etc. The individual online lessons will be available for all parents to access at their convenience during the day. There will also be group virtual activities so your children can meet classmates. At times, there will be real-time virtual check-ins between staff and students. Family engagement and communication will be a very important component of CDL. Families will also receive weekly activity packets.

Since your children's initial preschool experience will be with "packets" and online, it is essential for the school district to understand your digital needs. A school secretary will call and ask you the following questions:

- Do you have reliable internet access?
- Do you have a device: Chromebook or laptop?
- Can you afford the monthly internet access fees?

Until further notice, the school district will not charge for any preschool services. We will keep you informed when we have additional information. If you have any questions, please call the Neah-Kah-Nie School District main office at 503-355-2222.

Be safe,

Paul Erlebach, Superintendent
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