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Neah-Kah-Nie School District Community,

At the Neah-Kah-Nie School District Board of Director's meeting October 12, it was agreed to continue with Comprehensive Distance Learning until December 18. This was a difficult decision to make since every educator in the school district wants to be in a classroom working with students. However, due to the current positivity rate of those tested who have COVID-19 in Tillamook County and the upward trend of the positivity rate, it was determined the safest action is to continue with Comprehensive Distance Learning and to serve the highest need students in a limited-in-person model.

The COVID 19 positive case rate is on the rise in Oregon and in Tillamook County. Unfortunately, this is a trend that will likely continue, as people are indoors more often in the winter seasons, as well as the onset of the cold and flu season. By continuing with the distance learning model, staff and students will face fewer disruptions to teaching and learning.

The Neah-Kah-Nie School District Leadership Team will continue to review Oregon and Tillamook County positivity rates weekly to determine the best course of action. I will present the most current positivity rates at the December 14 school board meeting and present my proposal for next steps. If the positivity rates are conducive to transitioning to a hybrid model, staff will review Operational Blueprint safety protocols and will receive professional development on how best to teach in a hybrid model from January 4-8. Students will transition to a hybrid model starting Monday, January 11, pending low positivity rates in Tillamook County; with approval from the Tillamook County Health Department.

I would like to thank all our professional educators for providing the highest quality Comprehensive Distance Learning model possible. I would also like to thank our students who are committed to learning during a pandemic. Staff will continue to be flexible and innovative as they navigate this school year with so many challenges.

If you have any questions, please contact your school principal or contact me at the district office.

Be safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Erlebach", with a checkmark-like flourish at the end.

Paul Erlebach, Superintendent  
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