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Neah-Kah-Nie School District Community,

At the Neah-Kah-Nie School District Board of Director's meeting December 14, the school board voted to continue with Comprehensive Distance Learning & Limited In Person models until the end of the second trimester. The board prioritized student and staff safety over the return to an on-site model scheduled for January 11. With the board's decision, students will return Monday, March 15 to an on-site/hybrid model.

The school board did not take this very important decision lightly. The board reviewed Oregon and Tillamook County test positivity rates and total COVID-19 case data. COVID data was presented to the board by a representative from the Tillamook County Health Department. Over 160 community members, students, and Neah-Kah-Nie staff attended the virtual school board meeting. Supporters of Comprehensive Distance Learning and an On-Site/Hybrid model articulated their views to the board. All meeting participants expressed their desire for a safe teaching and learning environment for students and staff. After three hours thoroughly scrutinizing the data and actively listening to all viewpoints, the board made its decision.

With the board's guidance, Neah-Kah-Nie School District staff will focus to engage more students in Comprehensive Distance Learning and Limited-In-Person models.

Tillamook County will be in the "Extreme Risk" category starting Friday, December 18. Let's all do our part and wash hands, wear face protection, and maintain physical distancing.

You are invited to "*Let's Chat With Paul*" on Wednesday, January 13 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity for me to meet with students, staff, and parents to discuss the school district's most recent plans.

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

Be safe,

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