

Elko County School District



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Dear ECSD Community,

Yesterday evening there were modifications made in two important areas of school reopening. First the board granted approval of the modification of the school calendar to allow for four days of professional development in distance education. We are committed to providing high quality distance learning to students. This time is critical in order to assure teachers have the tools they need to engage students in this synchronous and asynchronous learning modality. School will be opening for students Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

In addition, there has been a change to the plan to be engaged in the reopening of school. When the school year begins on September 8, it will be in a distance learning format for a minimum of the first quarter of school. We will continue to work towards transitioning to hybrid and eventually in-person instruction as it is safe and effective to do so. Reopening campuses requires a great deal of planning and preparation, and many expenses that would not have been necessary under normal circumstances. Be assured in the distance learning model it continues to be our goal to provide continuous high-quality educational opportunities for students. Our team is developing a plan of how we will provide successful distance learning and support families and students this next school year.

The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged us in so many ways. There is a range of viewpoints regarding the best course of action. We have heard from many in our community and continue to gather feedback. We are all grateful to be part of a community that cares deeply for all children and look forward to continuing to work together.

Sincerely,

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