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Dear Triangle Lake Charter School Families,

Last school year brought us great challenges and unprecedented circumstances in education. I am incredibly proud of the work our staff accomplished to support students during this time. Thank you for your patience, commitment, and willingness to partner with our teachers and staff to serve students.

Over the summer, we have had to adapt and shift our plan for the 2020-21 school year as each new set of guidance has come out from the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). We were prepared to share our plan for re-opening in a hybrid model, but last week, Governor Brown and ODE released new metrics and updated guidance that determine if/when school buildings are able to open to in-person and hybrid learning. Links to both the metrics and guidance are located on our website. <http://www.blachly.k12.or.us/2020-2021/>

Due to these metrics, **we need to start the 2020-2021 school year in a Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL) model.** Here are some key elements:

- **The first day of school for students will be on September 14, and we are committed to remaining in a CDL model through the first term, which will end on November 12.** We recognize the challenges these circumstances present, and are providing these dates now so families can make necessary plans. These date changes are subject to school board approval (meeting on 8/12).
- **CDL is more extensive and thorough than the distance learning from the spring term.** Students will participate in rigorous instructional activities and curriculum, and will have access to daily contact with TLCS staff.
- We will be utilizing Canvas as our new single Learning Management System (LMS) for all students K-12. This is a common platform that all students will use to access their instruction for all of their classes. This will help parents be able to better track and monitor coursework for each of their students through a single access point.
- We are also developing a plan to offer the full year of remote learning through TLCS Online for those families that prefer not to have their students return to campus at all this year. More details to come.
- When it is safe to do so, we will begin bringing students back onto campus in a hybrid model. We will reassess for a possible start after the first term.
 - The shift to a hybrid or in-person model will depend on the status of public health and ODE guidance, and we will continue to update you about when that shift may happen.
 - In accordance with the metrics and guidance, we will evaluate bringing students in grades K-3 onto campus for in-person learning first.
 - After beginning a hybrid model, it may be necessary to shift back to CDL if the status of public health changes.

We will be reaching out to families in the coming days to register their student(s), so we can plan for the coming year. Although the 2020-21 year will certainly look different, we look forward to welcoming students back to school this fall!

Sincerely,


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