Parents, Students and Community,

Due to the current emergency situation in Lane County, and its effect on our community, staff and students, I regretfully must share that we are delaying the start of school by one week. Instead of beginning September 14th, we will begin on Monday, September 21st with all students in both CDL and the TLCS Online program.

I am deeply concerned about the impact the fires are having on our state and families. But I am confident that this is the best choice given our current circumstances. While our staff have been working overtime to get ready for students, we now have too many uncertainties in order to roll out in 5 days. Some of the circumstances that led to this decision include:

- The current loss of power in the Blachly area and periodic / potential loss of power makes our device checkout, a CRITICAL component that needs to occur prior to students returning, too risky to begin. Device checkout will be moved to next week. A schedule will be posted prior to Monday, September 14th.

- We have staff that live in areas that have been notified to prepare to evacuate, as well as many staff supporting close family members in need.

- It has made it unsafe to travel the bus routes to ensure delivery of supplies for students.

- A need to be available to support some other Lane County Districts and communities that are in desperate need currently.

I continue to hope for the safety of our families and emergency employees during this crisis. I thank you for your continued support and patience as we look at how to provide the best possible academic instruction for your children and our students at TLCS. Thank you for your continued resilience in the face of seemingly unending challenges.

Sincerely,

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