



BLACHLY SCHOOL DISTRICT #90
Triangle Lake Charter School K- 12
"A community is known by the schools it keeps"
Superintendent: Adam Watkins

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Dear Parents of TLCS:

I hope this message finds you safe and well. I know many of you are aware that on December 23, 2020 Governor Brown announced that the education "Health Metrics for Returning to In-Person Instruction" moved from *required* to *advisory*. This was a great surprise to districts across the state and we are now working on how that impacts us as a district.

What I can share is that the guidelines within Ready Schools, Safe Learners (RSSL) from Oregon Department of Education (ODE) are still required of us and we must meet all of those conditions. This includes all of the specific expectations around cohorts, facial coverings, social distancing, sanitization, transportation, food services, etc. There is an extensive amount of planning and organization necessary.

We were also provided additional information from ODE that an update to RSSL will be released on January 19th and we will then need to review those changes and how it impacts our ability to have staff and students safely return to in-person instruction.

What does this mean for TLCS?

- We are currently working with staff on how we move forward with the change in the metrics from required to advisory.
- We will be sending out a survey to families very soon so we can accurately plan for students who wish to return to learning in-person when we are able to do so.
- We are continuing to move forward with Limited In-Person Instruction (LIPI) restarting January 11th and will continue to increase the number of students we bring onto campus over time.
- We are still holding voluntary workouts for high school athletes, following OSAA guidelines.
- We are meeting frequently with district leadership to revisit our reopening plans and how best to move forward once we have the information from the state later this month.
- We are meeting frequently with districts across our county, as well as with state and local leaders in education and public health.

We know that many of you have questions still, as we do. Some of the areas we are still seeking information and guidance are: vaccination availability for staff and students, changes in the metrics, changes in athletics guidance, accessibility of testing, changes in the RSSL guidance requirements, and information about impacts of the new variant of COVID.

As we receive this guidance and information, we will share our next steps and what to expect with our families. We appreciate your continued support and patience while we deal with this constant uncertainty.

Sincerely,

Adam Watkins
Superintendent