

Dear Families:

I had hoped to share a reopening plan that would have been able to allow all students back in schools in person this fall. We know that most would like to be in school and that our staff miss connecting with them in person as well. However, since the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic we have been working on plans that will allow us to open schools and to make decisions on instruction for our students based on what the science has been telling us about transmission of this particular virus. We have been monitoring reports of increased COVID-19 cases in our community and are in close communication with King County Public Health, OSPI, The Puget Sound ESD, and neighboring school districts. Based on the current trajectory of infections in King County. I will be recommending to the school board that Tukwila School District start the 2020-21 school year in a distance learning model.

We will follow the distance learning model until the risk of significant transmission of COVID-19 has decreased enough to resume in-person instruction and we will be in ongoing consultation with King County Department of Health, OSPI, and Puget Sound ESD. The School Board will vote on this recommendation and a more detailed reopening plan for Fall 2020 on August 11th. There will also be a board work session on Saturday, August 8th to receive any additional feedback on the reopening plan before August 11th.

More information, including specifics on school schedules, will be shared as soon as possible. As the environment and information around COVID-19 continues to change, we will adapt and respond as quickly as possible. Please check our website and social media for the most up-to-date information, including an FAQ."

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Dr. Flip Herndon  
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