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Dear Jamestown School District families,

I wanted to take a moment to check in with all of you and to give you some idea about what we are planning come August with the reopening of school. I am sure you have been hearing and seeing a great deal of information both at the state level and here in Tuolumne County. As you know the situation surrounding COVID-19 and health and safety guidelines is constantly changing, which makes it very difficult for us to make a definite plan. What I can share with you are our current thoughts on what school will look like when we reopen. I have attached a planning document that was developed by Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools, all local school districts, and the Public Health Officer that will hopefully give you a more detailed overview.

Jamestown School District's preference is to reopen on August 19th, as long as it is safe to do so. At this time our planning includes implementing procedures to follow social distancing guidelines, limit non-essential visitors on campus, complying with all mandated health and safety protocols, along with regular daily cleaning and disinfecting procedures. One possibility may be that students remain only with their class or cohort, meaning eating breakfast and lunch in their room or designated outside area along with recesses as to maintain safe social distancing. Another possibility may be that in order to maintain social distancing inside the classroom and follow mandated health and safety guidelines at the time of reopening, we will have to split larger classes into two groups and alternate schedules with one half on campus and the other half at home remote learning and then switching. This would be referenced as A/B days or A/B weeks with one full day of all remote learning. If class sizes are small enough and students can be acceptably socially distanced, then those classes possibly may be able to meet on campus daily. All of these are just potential planning options at this time.

Jamestown School District understands that if we are allowed to open, many families are just not ready or comfortable in sending their child(ren) to school physically either due to someone in the household who is medically fragile, in the vulnerable age group, or do not feel the current health and safety mandates are acceptable. We do want to offer a full distance learning model for those families that would like their child to remain at home, and we want to provide you with that option. On that note, if our positive case numbers continue to rise and we reach a medical surge, schools will most likely not be able to reopen on our preferred timeline, and we will need to begin the school year with all students in a remote learning program until we are back in containment. Our staff is currently developing that program, so that we are ready should that be the case. Again, this is all unknown at this time, but I wanted to let you know how we are preparing for all possibilities.

A survey will be sent out later this month to get your response as to whether you will be sending your child to school physically, or if you would prefer to have your child remain at home participating in a full distance learning program. We will also have a few other scheduling and transportation questions. Your responses and input will help us greatly. After that we will send out our district plan for reopening, so that you will be able to make the best decision possible for your family and plan accordingly.

I did want to inform you of a virtual Town Hall meeting regarding education and school reopening that is scheduled for July 9th at 6:00 PM with Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools and Public Health Officials. The flyer for that event is attached and the live zoom link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BZHCWSB>.

We want to see all of your children and our students back on school campus as soon as we possibly can. We miss them! Please take a moment to read through the attached planning guide. If you have any questions, concerns, or need clarification of any kind, please do not hesitate to reach out to me either by phone 209-984-4058 ext. 3154 or by email cpelfrey@jespanthers.org.

In partnership,

Contessa Pelfrey

