

Dear Washoe County School District Families,

We would like to thank you again for your partnership and support as we continue to work together during this very difficult time. As we continue to experience the closure of our schools, we want you to know that we are here to help with any need your child or family may have. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

We are now entering the next phase of our Distance Learning plan, and again want to share our guiding principles with you:

- Decision making should rest on a foundation of “Do No Harm”, remembering that not all our families have access to technology
- Ensure student/family basic needs are being met
- Provide equitable access
- Maintain high expectations for all students

Our next phase of Distance Learning, scheduled from May 11 through the last day of school on June 5, closely resembles the previous Distance Learning plan including the opportunity for our students in grades 3 -12 to raise their current grade(s). We know you may have questions regarding your child’s grade(s) as well as credit attainment, so please be sure to ask your school contact as schools have received guidance in order to be equitable and fair throughout our district. And please continue to partner with our teachers to they can help support you and your child. Please also take a moment to visit our Distance Learning website ([washoeschools.net/distancelearning](http://washoeschools.net/distancelearning)) for more valuable resources and information.

As we prepare to finish the 2019-2020 school year, we know it has been a very challenging and difficult time for all of us. When we started this school year, we did not know we would end the year without having the opportunity to celebrate the successes of our students or the chance to say goodbye as they leave our classrooms. We did not think we would not be able to celebrate the Class of 2020 at graduation ceremonies in June or celebrate other end of school year celebrations throughout the District. However, we do know how our students have persevered through the closure of their schools and we are very proud of them. We are also very proud of our families, teachers, principals, district staff, as well as our entire community as we have all rallied around our students.

So, as we say congratulations to the Class of 2020, we also look forward to the start of a new school year. We will keep our families updated throughout the summer as plans to resume school continue.

Thank you,

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WCSD Superintendent