

Laytonville Unified School District's Distance Learning Plan begins Monday, August 24, 2020

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All LUSD schools will be opening on August 24, 2020 with a Distance Learning program. This plan is based upon the Governor's order regarding school districts who are within counties that are placed on the state Watch List. Though our county is not currently showing up on the state Watch List as of August 4, 2020, Dr. Doohan has advised county schools that our county data shows us as meeting the criteria for being placed on the Watch List and is therefore recommending that our schools open with a Distance Learning model.

In efforts to provide high quality learning for all of our students the state has defined what is required of all schools providing this model of learning. The instructional program will be very different than it was in the spring when we were mandated to close with little to no planning time. Teachers and staff have been working throughout the summer to develop methods and curriculum that will be effective and engaging for your students. All students will be scheduled to be online daily at specific times during the day to receive instruction from their teachers and to participate in activities where they will interact with their peers. Some independent activities will also be part of the instructional program and will take place during specified time periods. Each teacher will be creating a daily schedule for their classes that will outline the specific times and activities that the students must complete. You will all be receiving information regarding the specific schedules in the next couple of weeks.

The district has been reaching out to all families to determine what is necessary to ensure Internet connectivity for all of our students. The district is committed to helping families with this process. **If you have not spoken with the district regarding your Internet service in the past week please call 984-6414 ASAP to provide us with your information.** We will also be providing devices such as computers, tablets, and headphones for all students who need them. In some cases, even if your child may have his/her own device, the school will provide a device, as some teachers have selected specific devices to meet the needs of their curriculum. For households who are unable to receive Internet we are looking at the possibly of having these students attend school on campus and/or providing non-Internet based curriculum for students to complete at home.

We are working on fine-tuning all of the many details involved with this radical change in our instructional delivery method. I have every confidence that the staff of Laytonville Unified School District and the parents of our students, will provide an excellent program that addresses students' needs both academically and emotionally. Thank you all for being a part of our school district. We truly miss you and look forward to the days when we can reopen schools. Stay tuned for more detailed information in the near future. Thank you.