



May 5, 2020

Dear Walla Walla Public Schools Stakeholders,

Walla Walla Public Schools is committed to engage faculty, parents, and students as we analyze school reopening options and plans for the fall of 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. While information and guidance is expected to continue over the summer months, Walla Walla Public Schools believes it is critical to begin our planning, research and outreach early to ensure:

- robust stakeholder engagement
- equity, access, and social/emotional provisions can be appropriately identified and developed to support students and families
- varying reopening scenarios can be modeled and reviewed well in advance before the start of school
- when final guidance is received related to allowable school reopening activities, implementation will be easier
- once final guidance is received, plans can be more quickly communicated to families
- school staff are better prepared to respond and deliver education and other supports when fall arrives

A timeline of activities and milestones that support internal staff and external stakeholder involvement throughout the planning process has been developed.

Thank you in advance for your time, patience, and commitment as we work together on our 20-21 Safely Reopening Schools Plan to best serve the children of Walla Walla Public Schools. Regardless of the circumstances we may find ourselves in the fall, trust that my colleagues and I remain committed in supporting students and families as we strive towards our vision of Developing Washington's Most Sought-After Graduates.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wade Smith', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr. Wade Smith
Superintendent of Schools