



# WASHINGTON COLONY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Washington Colony Parent/Guardian,

As we continue to work through updates with a constantly evolving situation and in an effort to ensure we are in compliance with Governor Newsom's recent guidance, Washington Colony has made the decision in collaboration with neighboring districts to start the 2020-2021 year fully online via Distance Learning. Governor Newsom issued guidance stating that Schools located in counties that are on the Monitoring List must not physically open for in-person instruction until their county has been removed from the Monitoring List and remains off for 14 consecutive days. Schools in counties that have not been on the Monitoring List for the prior 14 days may begin in-person instruction, following public health guidelines. CA Department of Public Health currently uses six indicators to track the level of COVID-19 infection in each California county as well as the preparedness of the county health care system – data that includes the number of new infections per 100,000 residents, the test positivity rate, and the change in hospitalization rate, among others. Any county that does not meet the state's benchmarks is put on the County Monitoring List.

Once Fresno County is off of the monitoring list and it is cleared by the Fresno County Health department, Washington Colony will inform parents of the start of the Blended Model Cohort System detailed in letters sent home.

For your reference we have included the following information regarding your child's teacher and cohort for the upcoming school year.

Please reference the notice titled "Learning Plan" to see specifics regarding updates to the Five Day Distance Learning Plan and the guidelines it entails.

Student Name	Grade	Teacher	Cohort

Your child's teacher will be reaching out soon to discuss the specific plans for their class and what you can expect as a parent. This Parent meeting will be virtual and held completely online which will serve as our "Back to School Night" for the 2020-2021 School year.

Washington Colony will provide all students with a Chromebook Device as well as provide hotspots to those families who have indicated the need for one. The scheduled dates for technology disbursement are August 10<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. via drive through 'Grab and Go' in the front parking lot.

We understand these changes are new and challenging for everyone, and we are committed to supporting all of our families to best serve our students and their education. If you have any immediate questions or concerns regarding the process for the upcoming school year please reach out to our district office.

We appreciate your flexibility and understanding during these unprecedented times

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