



July 6, 2020

Dear Nolan Creek School Families,

District and campus administration have been busy working on plans for the 2020-21 School Year with the information currently available from TEA. Below is the preliminary information. More information will be released as it becomes available.

2020-2021 Academic Calendar and School Closure Guidance: We are not making any changes at this time to the academic calendars approved in April. Campus and district administrators, based on CDC and state health guidance, are working on a decision-making flowchart for staff and parents showing when school will be closed for positive COVID cases. This will be communicated closer to the start of school. In the event that school will be closed for on-campus instruction, we will transition to remote instruction for all students during the on-campus closure according to our remote instruction plan. We do NOT plan to close school completely and make up the days on our designed bad weather days or in June.

2020-2021 Family Survey: We are seeking feedback from families to continue our planning for this next year. This survey is a preliminary data gathering tool based on the current health situation. Families are not held to any information submitted in this survey.

Below is the survey link. To help us plan, we ask that families complete one survey for each student you have in a grade category. Please complete this survey no later than **5 pm on Monday, July 13th**.

Nolan Creek School Family Survey <https://forms.gle/hPdZAPTd7SfZgJ1DA>

On-Campus and Remote Instruction: Even though no guidance has been released yet from TEA on on-campus instruction, we know there will be an option for students to receive instruction either on-campus or through remote instruction. TEA recently released guidance and continues to release updates on the requirements for remote instruction. We are working on our remote instruction plan and will communicate that on July 15th.

We are also working on plans with current health guidance for on-campus instruction including social distancing, arrival procedures, face mask requirements, breakfast and lunch, classroom instruction, and pick-up. We know this may change when TEA releases the requirements for on-campus instruction. We hope to communicate our on-campus instruction plan to families on July 15th, but that is dependent on guidance being released from TEA.



Once on-campus and remote instruction plans are released, parents will be asked to complete a survey two weeks prior to school starting with their instruction decision for the first nine weeks.

What is Remote Instruction? Remote instruction is not parent-led instruction. Teachers are the primary provider of instruction in any remote setting. Remote instruction can be synchronous or asynchronous.

Synchronous is two-way, real-time/live, virtual instruction between teachers and students when students are not on campus.

Asynchronous instruction does not require having the instructor and student engaged at the same time. In this method, students learn from instruction that is not necessarily being delivered in-person or in real time. This type of instruction may include various forms of digital and online learning, such as prerecorded video lessons or game-based learning tasks that students complete on their own, and pre-assigned work and formative assessments made available to students on paper.

Campus and district administrators are still working on our remote learning plan for each campus which may include synchronous, asynchronous, or a combination of both. We know there will be changes and improvements made from remote instruction this past spring.

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we prepare for the 2020-21 school year. We will continue to provide updates as they become available. Stay safe and take care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Carla Silber'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Carla' and last name 'Silber' clearly distinguishable.

Carla Silber
Superintendent/COO
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