

Dear ECSD Community,

At their July 28 Board of Trustees meeting, the Board approved the state mandated ECSD School Reopening Plan which included an outline of the three required learning models: Distance Learning, Hybrid Learning, and In-Person Learning Models. In addition, the Board approved the implementation of the Hybrid Learning Model for the opening of the 2020-2021 school year with the allowance for parents to enroll their students in the Distance Learning Model utilizing our virtual school, the Northeastern Nevada Virtual Academy (NNVA). The plan is available on the ECSD website and at the following link: [ECSD Reopening Schools Plan](#).

The approved hybrid model has an AB structure that cycles over a two week period (Week one – ABABA; Week two - BABAB). Information regarding your child's placement in either Group A or Group B, will be distributed to families very shortly. As a reminder, students will be assigned by household/family so as to be placed in the same group (either A or B).

During the presentation of the plan to the public, Governor Sisolak signed Emergency Directive 028 which included changes to existing mandates regarding schools and their plans for reopening. These changes include but are not limited to:

- Requirements for face coverings expanded to students in kindergarten through twelfth grade.
- A decrease in physical distancing from six feet to three feet for students in elementary and middle schools while attending school as well as on school buses.
- Requirements for following isolation and quarantine guidelines as needed.

These changes will be discussed and modifications to the approved plan that align with Directive 028 will be presented at the August 11, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting.

We continue to work out the countless details required in opening our schools under these extraordinary circumstances while remaining committed to protecting the health and safety of our students and staff. Thank you for your ongoing partnership as we forge ahead in preparing our schools for the 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele Robinson
Superintendent of Schools
Elko County School District