AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
   Mrs. Amy Phillips

2. ROLL CALL
   Jesse Campos  Steve Christensen  Sherry Lancon  Scott Lehrman
   Amy Phillips  Brisa Hernandez  Nachelle Linn  Crista Martinez

3. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS
   A. Recommendation for Beginning the 2020-2021 School Year
      Mrs. Michelle Whitney

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AGENDA ITEM NO.: 03A
BOARD MEETING DATE: August 4, 2020

TOPIC: Recommendation for Beginning the 2020-2021 School Year

CABINET ADMINISTRATOR: Michelle Whitney
PRESENTER: Michelle Whitney

- REPORT
- 1ST READING
- DISCUSSION
- 2ND READING
- ACTION REQUIRED

OBJECTIVE:
To gain board approval of the recommendation for reopening of Pasco Schools beginning the 2020-2021 School Year.

BACKGROUND:
The purpose of this action items is to
- Review the guiding principles Pasco School District has used for planning to reopen on September 1st.
- Remind the Board of our continuum of instructional delivery options.
- Discuss the public health recommendation that informs where we land on the continuum of instructional delivery options.
- Request action on the District recommendation to focus on blended learning but postpone in-person instruction (except groups of 5 or few to support educationally at-risk students) based on the Washington Department of Health and Benton Franklin Health Department’s recommendations.
- Provide highlights about what the means for students, families and staff.

POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES:

PROJECTED COSTS:  BUDGET CODE:

SUGGESTED MOTION:
A resolution to approve the reopening plan will be presented at the August 11, 2020 regular meeting.

NEXT STEPS:
REOPENING PASCO SCHOOLS

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING: August 4, 2020
PURPOSE

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• Provide highlights about what this means for students, families, and staff.
NON•PURPOSE

• Request approval of the reopening plan required by OSPI.
• Provide a comprehensive report on our reopening plans.
Guiding Principles for Planning Reopening

• First and foremost, this is a public health crisis
• Lead with compassion, communication, common sense, and collaboration
• Adhere to the Washington Department of Health requirements for students, staff, and community safety
• Adhere to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instructions requirements to ensure high quality programming
• Ensure equity in access to technology, materials and instruction in alignment with our commitment to 100%
• Provide training to support staff and families to maximize the learning models
Guiding Principles for Planning Reopening

• At Home Learning Model
  • Provide social emotional learning and supports
  • Ensure consistency
  • Increase accountability
  • Develop a model that is user friendly
  • Remove barriers to access especially for our most vulnerable youth and families

• Face to Face on a Rotational Schedule with At Home Learning 2.0
  • Lead with social emotional learning
  • Incorporate face to face instruction while adhering to public health requirements
  • Be mindful of the needs of our students in specialized programs
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CONTINUUM OF INSTRUCTIONAL DELIVERY

At Home Learning 2.0

Blended Learning

Face to Face Instruction on a Rotation Schedule and At Home Learning

Traditional Face to Face Instruction
Where we land on the continuum is informed by our community health condition.
Washington Department of Health

• Providing a framework for making public health decision-making for reopening schools

• The school decision tree framework includes:
  • Metrics for level of community spread
  • Recommended health and safety measures
  • Monitoring and response strategies
July 28, 2020

Dear Benton and Franklin County School Superintendents,

Benton-Franklin Health District (BFHD) has been working closely with local school districts in discussion on reopening of schools. At this time, the COVID-19 case count for Benton County is over 360 per 100,000 residents in a 14-day period; Franklin County’s is over 616 per 100,000. Representatives from local public health are currently working in consultation with the Washington State Department of Health to develop frameworks for public health decision-making for reopening schools. These frameworks will include metrics for safe reopening. At this time, Benton and Franklin Counties are both well above any metrics being discussed. We may offer further guidance in the coming days, when the results of this framework are finalized.

BFHD understands the important role that schools play in quality education, social-emotional learning, addressing special needs, and providing assistance meeting basic needs. However, we also believe that protecting the health of our students and school staff should be a priority. At this time, I do not recommend schools reopen on September 1, 2020 for in-person instruction except for considerations for small group (<5) instruction to support educationally at-risk students.

BFHD will continue to work with local school districts in the coming weeks and months, and recommendations may change based on case numbers or state guidance. We ask that local school districts join us in promoting public health messages regarding reopening and adherence to state and local guidelines.

Sincerely,

Amy Person, M.D.
Health Officer, Benton-Franklin Health District
Benton Franklin County Health Department (BFHD) Recommendation

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"We recommend beginning the 2020-21 school year with online instruction under the Continuous Learning 2.0 scheduling concept recommended by OSPI. We recommend that online instruction be provided for the great majority of students and, per BFHD’s recommendation, that in-person instruction be provided only in small groups (five or fewer students) and only to support educationally at-risk students, such as students with certain special needs who cannot realistically be served online. From that point on, phasing of a hybrid reopening, as the District is currently developing, could be considered but only after careful review and approval of the BFHD."
RECOMMENDATION

Based on the recommendations from Washington Department of Health, Benton Franklin Health Department and the Washington Schools Risk Management Pool, Pasco School District will begin the school year with a focus on blended learning.

• **In-person instruction is postponed** until our community health condition improves consistent with Washington Department of Health’s School Decision Tree and recommendations from Benton Franklin County Health.

• Considerations and accommodations will be made to allow for educationally at-risk students to be served in-person in groups no larger than five (5) in compliance with health and safety requirements.
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At Home Learning 2.0

Blended Learning

Traditional Face to Face Instruction
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DISCUSSION
“I move to approve the recommendation to begin the 2020-2021 school year as presented.”

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How will we know when we can add in-person instruction?
Washington Department of Health

- Framework for making public health decision-making for reopening schools

- The school decision tree framework includes:
  - Metrics for level of community spread
  - Recommended health and safety measures
  - Monitoring and response strategies
Procedure for Evaluating Movement Along the Continuum

At the first meeting of each month the Board will be provided an update about our community health condition using the Washington State Department of Health’s School Decision Tree.

• If our community health has sufficiently improved, we would increase in person instruction within a two-week window.

• If our community health deteriorated, we would make necessary adjustments immediately.
Blended Learning
Spring to Fall

Highlights of Improvements to Online Learning

Spring

- Variety of platforms
- District deployed lessons
- District device program phased in
- OSPI mandated grading rules
- Feedback
- Site based plan for accessing teachers
- Reactive in addressing training needs

Fall

- Standardization of platforms
- District adopted materials
- District device program proactive launch
- Priority standards identified to support grading
- Formative assessment plan
- Standard time for teacher office hours
- Proactive Training: teachers, support staff, families, and students
What does that mean for students?

- All students will be provided a district laptop prior to school starting.
- Students will start school on September 1st receiving online instruction using a consistent, predictable schedule.
- Daily attendance will be taken.
- Students will be graded on assignments and assessments.
What does that mean for students?

• Instruction will be delivered through both synchronous (teacher interacting in real-time online with students) and asynchronous (non-real time) instruction.

• As the public health condition improves, students receiving in-person instruction at school will increase.
What does that mean for students?

Students who are “educationally at risk” will be served in person on-site in groups no larger than 5 as allowed by the BFHD recommendation.

There is ongoing work being done to develop a plan that is in alignment with this recommendation.
What does that mean for families?

- Pasco School District is offering the following options:
  - School Based Instruction
  - A continuum of instructional delivery including
    - At Home Learning 2.0
    - Blended Learning
    - Traditional Face to Face Instruction
  - Blended Learning focus with in-person postponed until the public health condition improves.
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Pasco School District is offering the following options:

**IPAL**

- Grades K-12
  - Grades K-2: curriculum kits to support parents in delivery instruction
  - Grades 3-12: online educational environment
    - Core classes
    - Limited electives grades 6-12/no electives grades K-5
    - Weekly check ins for progress monitor with a teacher
    - Parent support

- New K-5 Virtual Elementary
  - 4 core classes plus electives
    - Mathematics, Science, English Language Arts, and Social Studies
  - Online educational environment
What does that mean for families?

Training will be provided on the applications that will be used by teachers to deliver instruction.

- Zoom
- OneDrive
- Stream
- Flipgrid
- Class Dojo (K-5)
- Teams (K-12)
What does that mean for families?

Pasco School District will offer support to families that have barriers to reliable internet access and is exploring partnerships for childcare services.

Schedules noting your student’s instruction and teacher access times will be provided.
What does that mean for Pasco School District staff?

We have designed work functions in partnership with our employees.

Employees will be engaged in meaningful work that aligns with our values and mission.

We will be working with our labor partners to bargain the impacts of any changes to working conditions as required by our current circumstances.
What does that mean for Pasco School District staff?

Employees who meet the Center for Disease Control’s definition of high risk will be offered accommodations.

We are planning for teachers and other employees to work from their classrooms or work areas unless they are high risk or require reasonable accommodation.

Modifications will be made where necessary to adhere to the public health requirements.
NEXT STEPS

Present the revision to the springboard reopening plans that occurred as a result of Board feedback and Focus Groups 2.0 to the Board on August 11th during a study Session.

Ask for approval of the OPSI required reopening plan on August 11\textsuperscript{th} during the regularly scheduled Board meeting.
Questions • Discussion • Requests for Additional Information
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