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Date: August 7, 2020

Subject: 2020 RSU 23 Return To School Plan

Dear Old Orchard Beach Community:

As we move into the month of August I wanted to provide you all with our RSU 23 2020 Reopening Plan. The plan is linked in video format to this memo and can also be located on our RSU 23 School Webpage. Additionally, a PDF document is attached to this email. Our plan is a culmination of months of planning and preparedness, meets the current Maine DOE and CDC guidelines, and reflects a tremendous collaborative effort between all RSU 23 stakeholders.

Please know that our plan has been developed in consultation with the Maine Center For Disease Control, the Maine Department of Education, Maine Emergency Management Association, and our RSU 23 community stakeholders. The health and safety of our students, staff, and community has remained paramount in our decision making. As we continue this important and complex work we recognize that there remains a high level of uncertainty as to the impact COVID-19 will have on our public health and school systems in the upcoming school year. Regardless, RSU 23 will continue to monitor, adapt, and revise plans to accommodate for a range of public health outcomes and ensure the delivery of school services to all students continues regardless of our learning environment.

RSU 23 2020 RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN INFORMATION & LINKS:



[VIDEO LINK](#)

[2020 RSU 23 Return To School Plan](#)



[PDF DOCUMENT LINK](#)

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RSU 23 REMOTE LEARNING OPTION:

We are committed to all our RSU 23 students and families and will be providing a remote learning option for students & families who choose not to send their children to school. In the fully-remote option, teaching and learning will be directed by the Director of Instruction and taught by K-12 instructional staff. Curriculum and experiences will likely be limited to core requirements and it is unlikely that we will be able to provide all elective courses or enrichment experiences in the remote setting.



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Families selecting the remote option must commit to the program for the first Trimester (K-8) or Quarter (OOBHS). At this time, we hope to continue the remote option for the spring semester as well. Our intent is to provide an opportunity for families to select that option in December. Families who do not select the remote option for the fall may do so for the winter.

If you wish to enroll your child in the remote option, please complete the form linked below and submit it by Friday, August 14 so we may determine enrollment for the fall. If you do not submit this form, your child will be enrolled in the classroom-based instructional setting at the level advised by the Maine Department of Education (MDOE) in August.

➤ [Form Linked: RSU 23 Remote Learning Registration Link](#)

RSU 23 VIRTUAL PARENT FORUMS:

To provide parents and families further opportunity to discuss our RSU 23 plans I will be hosting three virtual forums next week. The dates, times and meeting link to these virtual events are below:

- JES Parent Forum August 10 at 6pm
- LMS Parent Forum August 12 at 6pm
- OOBHS Parent Forum August 13 at 6pm

- **Meeting Link: RSU 23 Parent Forums**

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RSU 23 2020 RETURN TO SCHOOL STUDENT & FAMILY HANDBOOK:

In addition to our district-wide reopening plan we have also developed a 2020-21 Return-to School handbook for your review with your children. This handbook has been linked in below and will be reviewed by all students during the first week of school.

➤ [Linked: RSU 23 Return-To-School Student Handbook](#)

In closing, I would like to thank the students, families, staff, school board, and community for all of the cooperation, support, and great collective effort as our world dramatically changed in March. We appreciate



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your patience and flexibility throughout this entire process and understand the challenges this pandemic has created. Please stay safe, be well, and once again thank you.

Sincerely,

John Suttie
RSU 23 Superintendent of Schools