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Oregon Trail Parents,

I hope this message finds you and your family well considering the trials we have been through over the last three months. As a school community we have spent countless hours educating our children together, doing our best to create for them the necessary opportunities to continue growing socially, emotionally, and academically. Though these conditions were thrust upon us, our collective effort to swiftly and nimbly navigate this ever-changing scope of society has proven that our community is exceptionally resilient.

I am extremely proud of our senior students and their families for the exemplary grace and humility that has been exhibited during a most trying time. Our students will surely become pillars of the planet as they pursue their passions with the same tenacity and dexterity it took for them to rise above this current state, and walk across the stage to graduate.

Our primary pursuit is to ensure academic success for all of our children. In doing so, we are charged with creating opportunities for our students to develop their voice, create, explore every possibility before them, best preparing them to arrive at the future they deserve. In that we know we can't do this without the help of parents, grandparents, extended families and the community at large.

This challenge has brought new meaning to the idea of partnering in your child's education. We are not yet sure what school will look like when we resume education in the fall. We do know that the world we were used to is fast becoming drastically different. Change is cast upon us from myriad angles for countless reasons, and it will serve to further empower our students if they have opportunities at home and within their community to explore how and why this change impacts their world.

As we continue to pursue our purpose and formulate a more innovative educational model, we will have a number of opportunities to grow together and create more robust learning environments for our children. In doing so, it will be important to hear from our families to help us develop the best path forward, growing our children well into a brighter tomorrow.

Shortly a survey will be put out to gauge our community's desires regarding reopening. We will meet with each school's designated site council, and have conversations with representatives of each school community on our Leadership Council. Though we are fast approaching a new normal, we intend to continue to fulfill our mission and ensure that children thrive here and ultimately arrive at the future they deserve.

Sincerely,
Aaron Bayer, Superintendent