



Parents and Friends of Piute County School District:

Thank you for your support of public education and a special thank you for the extra help in finishing the 2019-2020 school year. Much about the 2020-2021 school year remains in the realm of the unknown. As of this writing we plan to start school in person on August 26th, 2020 using the regular schedule. Every attempt is being made to make attending school as safe and as comfortable as possible for our students. The full school district reopening plans are available on the school district website. Also each individual school will be communicating their more specific plans.

The greatest protection to our students' health this school year will be parents keeping students home when they are sick. All other precautions the schools take will be secondary to that. The schools will be implementing ways and means for students to connect to classes live from home while sick or quarantined to prevent students from falling behind. Means of digital attendance taking are being developed and awards that might have incentivized students to come to school sick are being reevaluated.

Our faculty and staff are our greatest resources for providing a high quality education for our students. Some of our faculty and staff are at a much higher risk for illness than others. For that reason we hope you'll help us protect them and our high-risk students by promoting and remaining positive about the health procedures we have to follow. While we never want to turn a student away, we do want everyone to feel safe at our schools.

It's critical that our students understand that there is no reason why this school year can't be the best school year yet. No matter what they do after high school they will assuredly face things that are uncomfortable, inconvenient, and seemingly ill-timed. This pandemic is an opportunity to teach resilience, good health, positivity, and a multitude of other life lessons. The great poet Robert Frost said later in life that he could sum up life in three words, "it goes on." Education will also go on.

This spring every teacher had to learn to incorporate technology into their teaching in a way they never expected they would have to. We learned great lessons from that experience and are prepared to use those lessons to make this school year better than any before. We couldn't have predicted this would happen, but we can make the best of it. Robert Frost also said "The best way out is always through." We're excited to serve you through another school year.

Sincerely,

*Koby Willis*  
*Superintendent*