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Greetings, Roosevelt Community:

With one week to go before staff returns, we want to express gratitude for your patience as we continue planning for the fall. We acknowledge how difficult it has been to anticipate the months ahead without much needed information. Many thanks to those of you who have reached out with questions, suggestions and support... we are prepping now in a way we never could have predicted!

Below are a few updates for the coming weeks... next week, please look for specific back-to-school information.

iPad Distribution

We're distributing iPads this Monday and Tuesday, August 24 and 25 from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm in front of the main entrance. Please have your student i.d. number ready to rattle off to our fantastic staff. Don't forget to wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines.

Please note that because Comprehensive Distance Learning will have more synchronous components this fall, it's crucial students use a school device. Tech trouble-shooting, app push-out, and a standard platform will help simplify and streamline our work.

Before you come to school, please look around your homes for any long-lost iPad power adapters-- many went missing last spring and we're running short as a result. Thanks for your help!

A few of you have asked about traveling with your iPad since we are in distance learning. Depending on where you are in the world, we don't recommend it. 4j may not be able to support app functionality on the iPad, tech support may be next to impossible to access, and connecting to the 4j network isn't guaranteed outside of Eugene. We are also unable to send or receive iPads via the USPS or other shipping companies. Thanks for your understanding. If you have specific questions, please email or call.

Finally, if you miss this distribution round, we'll have a few more before September 14.

4j Options for Fall Learning

Eugene 4j has been making preparations for the fall with guidance from the CDC, the Governor's office, Oregon Department of Education, and Lane County Health. RMS and 4J are committed to keeping kids and staff safe and providing the best experience and education possible under these circumstances.

This week, the district introduced a new option should we be able to open in a hybrid model. In the new proposal, once we move to hybrid, students can stay online and connected to RMS. The district has asked for feedback from families [via this survey](#) which needs to be completed by Wednesday, August 26.

Right now, families have two options:

- **Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL)**. This is essentially "RMS online" from September 14 to December 4. Classes will be taught by Roosevelt teachers, and instruction will include a mix of

synchronous (real-time) and asynchronous (on-your-own with guidance) learning. The district will re-evaluate in November whether it's safe to come back in a hybrid model after December 4. If the metrics don't allow it, then we'll stay in CDL. If they do, we will open in a hybrid model.

- **Eugene Online Academy (EOA)**. This is the K-12 alternative program which is online all year. It uses a standardized curriculum taught by licensed, qualified teachers and is not connected to Roosevelt. At EOA, while there are scheduled times for students to meet with teachers, learning is mainly asynchronous. When you sign up for EOA or want to move in and out, you must do so at trimester breaks.

When and if we move back into a hybrid, the new option is:

- **Same School Online**. Students can choose to remain online and stay connected to RMS. Same School Online may look different from CDL and will include some synchronous learning. We have many details to work out for this option and we know it's an important choice for families.

These options represent an individual choice for families. If you would like to discuss what might be right for your student, we're happy to meet with you. Answers to many questions about returning to learning in 4J schools can be found on the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page.

Content and Lesson Planning

Our district teams have been hard at work this summer, identifying priority learning standards in each content area and determining the best ways to help students pick up where we left off in the spring. Our goal is to prepare students for rigorous work that addresses these standards and reconnects them to RMS.

Not all of our students will be in the same place starting back up in the fall. Some will need help catching up while others may need more challenge. We recognize this and the need for students to re-engage with good habits and better tools for online learning.

Special Education

Eugene 4j is committed to meeting the needs of all of our students to the best of our abilities. Our district Special Education team continues to work on systems and programming that will support students who learn differently. The district team, or your student's case manager will reach out to our families and share more information, as it is available. The Oregon Department of Education informs our work and we will provide updates as we get them.

Coming Attractions

- *Student schedules*. Our schedule is almost complete! Students will be taking six classes each trimester and we will share their schedules with them the first day of school, September 14 .

- *Daily schedules.* We are very close to being able to share what a week in distance learning will look like for students. Students can plan on spending at least 2-½ hours a day in instruction and applied learning and will see staff and peers daily online. We will continue House.
- *Attendance and grades.* In CDL, we will take attendance every day and students will earn grades, with opportunities to redo, make-up or show progress without penalty.
- *School supplies.* Some classes may offer students supplies and materials to use at home. We will communicate when those are ready to be handed out.
- *Sixth Grade Orientation.* Planning for our sixth grade orientation, Creating Our Roosevelt Environment (C.O.R.E.), is currently underway. We expect to be sharing more information with sixth graders and C.O.R.E. leaders this week.

In Closing

This and all other family communications will be housed on the website:

[RMS website](#) → Comprehensive Distance Learning → [Parent and Family Communications](#).

We look forward to having new information for you next week more specifically related to the start of the school year.

Again, thanks for your patience!

All our best,
Courtney and Mike