Dear Village School Families,

Earlier this week, Governor Kate Brown released revised metrics for school leaders to use to determine when and how to reopen schools this fall.

When the metrics allow, we plan to offer on-site hybrid classes. At the writing of this letter, conditions would allow classes on-site for grades K-3, but not for grades 4-8. When possible, we would like to transition to on-site instruction in a gradual fashion, and focus as much as possible on having classes outdoors. Naturally, we will be monitoring the state and county metrics closely in the coming weeks. The safety and welfare of our students, their families, and our staff is the guiding star we are following. Parents should be aware that if pandemic conditions deteriorate, the metrics may mandate that we revert to distance learning for all grades.

Where distance learning is required, we intend to create a meaningful, engaging experience for students, and be ready to switch to our hybrid model shortly after the metrics allow as per the guidance from ODE. For more about the metrics and re-opening guides for schools please follow this [link](#).

The Village School reopening committee is working on details as to how we will offer the best possible distance learning, provide technical support to students and families, and a calendar as to what the first weeks of school will look like. We will do all that we can to share the values, curriculum and traditions of The Village School during this time of crisis.

Thank you for your ongoing support of The Village School and the principles of education we all hold close to our heart. Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to share your input. We will be in the office and close to the phone beginning Monday August 3rd.

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PS: A few parents have asked whether they can enroll in Eugene Online Academy and maintain their enrollment in the Village School. This is not possible. Families choosing 4J’s distance learning are effectively switching schools, and forfeiting their student’s enrollment at Village School.