

# Toppenish School District No. 202

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Dear Toppenish Parents, Students and Community,

As the school year approaches, we continue to see the number of COVID cases grow in our community. Earlier today, the Governor along with the Department of Health released guidance that included a metric on safety of reopening schools. Following their direction, all students will begin the school year on August 25, 2020 with a comprehensive distance learning program, where students will be home on their Chromebook receiving instruction directly from the teacher. Meaning students will not attend school in person until it is deemed safe by CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) standards to be safe for students. A lot of factors went into this decision. It is all about safety for all. We must now move forward with the intent of doing what's best for our students.

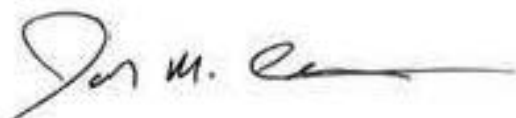
The distance learning plan has been revised significantly from the experience students had in the spring, and we will do all we can to help students have the best distance learning experience possible in a new real time learning structure.

Our plan is to open school buildings as soon as it is safe to do so based on recommendations from public health officials. We know this news will be met with mixed emotions. These are unprecedented times and we will make every effort to support all of our students and families as we work together to have a safe and successful year.

A schedule for disseminating Chromebooks will be forthcoming next week, and class schedules will be available soon.

Thank you for your continued patience during this challenging time as we work to provide your child with high quality distance learning.

Sincerely,



John M. Cerna  
Superintendent

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"Hacemos lo que es mejor para los niños."*

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