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NCA and NCHS Families-

As we indicated in last Thursday's message, we want to provide you our response to the letter we received from Thurston County Health Officer recommending that all Thurston County schools close to in-class instruction, and only offer remote learning. Below is a quick recap of the current situation:

Recap:

- On July 23rd Northwest Christian Schools was pleased to announce our plans for opening school this fall for in-person instruction.
- On July 28th NCA and NCHS hosted Q&A sessions via Zoom with parents on the topic of reopening school and all of the safety measures we have in place to make our campus as safe as possible for our teachers and students.
- Last Thursday, July 30th our school received a letter from our Thurston County Health Officer, Dr. Abdelmalek, strongly recommending all K-12 schools stay closed to in-person learning and offer only remote learning.
- NCA and NCHS notified families last Thursday via email that we received this letter and that our administration team and the school board would meet to discuss this recommendation and get back to parents with our decision as soon as possible.

Note: The letter from Thurston County Health Officer and the email we sent families last week is attached for your reference.

Update:

Our admin team and our school board have collaborated and our strong desire remains to offer on-site instruction with health and safety precautions in place. We have learned that Governor Inslee and OSPI Superintendent Chris Rekydal are hosting a press conference today, and we anticipate further guidance for schools will be provided.

The administration team and our school board are delaying making any further decisions at this time, so that we may have time to listen to the press conference and review any new guidance provided. Once we've had time to review and discuss the new guidance we will make our decision regarding in-class instruction.

We appreciate the patience and flexibility of our families as NCS navigates through this decision. During these times of uncertainty, I encourage all of our families to join in prayer for our campus. As we continue to rely on God's wisdom and strength, NCS will continue to thrive and live up to its mission in providing a Christ-centered environment with a superior education that prepares students to have a positive impact in our world for Him.

In Him,

NCS School Board