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Dear Families & Staff,

I want to thank all of you who responded to the survey sent out to the Nespelem Community. After analyzing the results from all sources available (County Health Dept. & Community Committee), the Board of Directors, with my support, have made the difficult decision to move to full remote learning for the opening of school this fall.

The number of increasing COVID-19 cases, does not allow us to safely proceed with planning for on campus instruction at this time. **It is our intent to move to in-person learning on campus as soon as safely possible.** Guidelines soon to come from the Health Department will facilitate this process. Meanwhile, the Nespelem staff are in the process of creating the most robust remote program possible.

We will continue with our plan to have a parent meeting. This will take place in an informal setting where you can voice your input, learn about the current state/health guidance, view learning options/avenues available to your students, hear training opportunities open to guardians, and ask any questions you might have around mid-August. Look for this meeting to be announced soon.

We ask for patients and understand, as we are all treading in unfamiliar territory. Please try to contribute to any questionnaires we deliver so that we know which services will best suit your family. For example, we will provide your family with a Chromebook and a hotspot if you relay which service works in you housing area. Flash drives and packets will also be made available. Providing us with needed information will help us to engage all students from preschool through eighth grade.

Our team is going to do everything we possibly can to ensure that your student thrives in our current environment. If you are unable to make the meeting, or at any time want to reach me, please email me at: edean@nsdeagles.org or call 509-634-4541- ext. 110

Sincerely,

Dr. Effie Dean