

# LANE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 71

## Lowell/Fall Creek

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Dear Lowell Families and Community Members,

In this already unprecedented year, who would have expected that the next challenge facing our community would be at hand so quickly? With this new set of adversities facing us, we hold all of you, our Lowell-Fall Creek families in our hearts. We are working around the clock to prepare for all possibilities that the wildfires bring and support you, our students, and our staff.

There are many issues we are constantly assessing and re-assessing as the situations fluctuate. One of our current concerns is the extremely poor air quality in ours and surrounding communities and how that will affect our students and staff. We are also working hand in hand with our fire professionals to assess the threat level in our area. While Lowell-Fall Creek is only at Evacuation Level 1 currently, we know that can change and we want to be prepared to help and support in any way we are able. One of the ways we will be supporting our community and fire professionals is offering our buildings as command centers as needed. We are also aware that many have family in the neighboring areas that have been displaced due to the quickly worsening conditions. We want to allow the focus to be the care and support of our families, our friends, and our community.

Due to these issues, as well as Lane Electric turning off power each night, we are moving the start date of the 2020-2021 school year back to **September 21, 2020**. We will continue to update you as we have new information and details. At this moment we just want all of you to focus on being safe, preparing for changing circumstances and continuing to be hopeful that better days are ahead.

Sincerely,

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