

# *Biggs Unified School District*

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Superintendent

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Parents & Guardians of Biggs students,

If Butte County is able to remain in Tier 2/Red for two additional weeks from today, Biggs Unified School District will have the opportunity to transition to a hybrid “part in-person/part distance learning” instructional model. The district will have a survey available on our web page for parents to complete regarding their student being brought back for in-person instruction, the survey should be available Friday, October 2, 2020. The district is developing a schedule based on the surveys that will meet the guidelines to re-open.

Over the next two weeks, we will closely monitor the Butte County Public Health COVID dashboard. We will simultaneously begin planning for a return to in-person learning model. There remains much work to be done to both ensure appropriate health and safety protocols as well as negotiate return to work conditions with our employee organizations.

With the requirement to remain in the Tier 2/Red category for an additional two weeks combined with the planning necessary to resume in-person instruction, the earliest date we could begin in-person instruction would be October 19, 2020. We are asking parents that do not wish to return to in-person learning to let the school site know as soon as possible. We also encourage parents to complete the survey.

The district has applied for a waiver for TK-6<sup>th</sup> grades for in-person instruction as a backup if schools are not allowed to return to in-person learning based on the county level. That waiver is still pending at the Butte County Health Department.

The district will continue to explore all options to provide our students with the best learning opportunities we can under the guidelines provide by the county and state.

Sincerely,

Doug Kaelin, Superintendent  
Biggs Unified