

## **FLS Re-Opening 6/23/2020 Update**

The FLS Re-Open Task Force is sorting through the Fall 2020 re-opening document published by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) late last week, along with recommendations from the CDC and the Department of Health. Our team will take the time to create a thoughtful and comprehensive re-opening plan to account for safety protocols as needed.

That being said, our plan is to be in school full-time in all grades, preschool through 8<sup>th</sup>, as we begin school in the fall. The information released by OSPI supports and encourages that plan. Due to Faith's classroom sizes relative to lower numbers of students per class, we believe we can adequately follow physical distancing recommendations. It may mean we need to shift classrooms around a bit over the summer, and it will certainly mean other changes such as having specialists travel to classrooms and limiting the numbers of classrooms outside at recess at any given time; but we are confident that we can create a workable plan to begin school on campus as scheduled on September 9, 2020.

In the documents released by OSPI last week, one surprise was the requirement that all students and staff wear cloth face masks or coverings. I'm not fully sure that will remain as a requirement, as there is some debate about it. However, if that remains the only non-negotiable requirement, we will do our best to support it if it means we can teach on Faith's campus again!

I have received questions regarding Faith's relationship with North Thurston Public School's district-wide decisions. NTPS is expected to release their plans for re-opening very soon. While we must follow certain state-wide requirements as a school, we are under no obligation to follow NTPS, or any other district's decisions. The Faith Lutheran task force is working independently to consider how we are best able to keep students, staff, and family members safe while on our campus while fulfilling our mission to educate students in a Christ-centered environment. Our goal is to have a written plan published no later than July 3, 2020.

Enrollment for the fall is looking strong, and we can't wait to see you all soon! We do have some openings in various classes, so if you know of interested families, please direct them to Faith's website at [FLSchool.org](http://FLSchool.org) or encourage them to reach out to the school office at [FLSOffice@faithcampus.org](mailto:FLSOffice@faithcampus.org). Please contact the school office with any questions or comments at (360) 491-1733 or you may reach out directly to Mr. Neumiller at [c.neumiller@faithcampus.org](mailto:c.neumiller@faithcampus.org).

### **Summer Office Hours**

Normal school office hours during the summer will be Monday through Thursday 9-12. We recommend calling the office at (360) 491-1733 to set up a time if you need to stop by.

### **2020-2021 School Supply Lists**

Updated school supply lists for each grade level will be posted by July 2, 2020. These will be available on the school website at [FLSchool.org](http://FLSchool.org). Click the "Our School" tab, then choose the appropriate grade level for your student.