

## News Release

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### **Arlington School Board approves enhanced distance learning plan to start the school year**

ARLINGTON- At last night's Board of Directors meeting, the Arlington School Board approved the Reopening Arlington Schools 2020 Committee's recommendation to begin the school year on Tuesday, Sept. 1 with enhanced distance learning 2.0 for students. This is step three of a six step reopening plan. Step three also includes in-person instruction for a limited number of students identified with the greatest need for additional support.

Highlights of enhanced distance learning 2.0 include:

- Clear expectations for staff, students and parents
- Better access to connectivity
- Professional development and training for teachers and support staff
- Training for parents on supporting learning at home
- Common platforms
- Attendance will be taken daily
- Resources to support distance learning will be available on the district website
- Tech Helpline will be available for staff, students and parents

The entire reopening plan is listed on the district website at [asd.wednet.edu](http://asd.wednet.edu) and includes school schedules.

"Our goal is to bring students back to school safely using a continuum of steps. These steps include enhanced distance learning 2.0, a hybrid of in-person instruction and distance learning, and finally full-time in-person instruction," said Dr. Chrys Sweeting, Superintendent. "We are relying on guidance from the Snohomish Health District, Governor's Office, and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to help us move from step to step."

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