

**September 4, 2020**

**Superintendent's Update**

**Preston Public Schools** has been engaged in a steady ramp up over the week of August 31, 2020, through September 4, 2020, initiating the Hybrid Model of instruction. During this week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday were early dismissal days. Wednesday was and will remain, the designated virtual day. This week we welcomed students from every grade level. Transportation and lunch distribution went smoothly. We distributed Chromebooks to students in grades three through eight, and we were able to begin reaching out to our students who chose the virtual school option. At the end of each day, our staff was able to meet, discuss, and iron out various items that needed fine-tuning. Throughout the entire process, families, staff, and, most importantly, students remained calm, engaged, and focused. It is an honor and a pleasure to walk the halls and the classrooms of the district and see our professionals warmly and richly engaged with our attentive students. Our students seemed happy to be back in school and have done an exceptional job ramping up after a six-month disruption. **Well done ALL!**

After the long and restful Labor Day weekend, we will return to full-day instruction still in the Hybrid Model – Cohort A: Tuesday, September 8; Full Virtual, Wednesday, September 9; and Cohort B, Thursday and Friday, September 10 and 11. By October 1, 2020, we will review the opening process, our Hybrid Model implementation, our area Health Department statistics, and determine what the best course of action and next steps will be.

One step at a time. One day at a time. Stay the course. Remain socially distanced, wash your hands regularly, and wear your mask. **You are all doing a fantastic job! Thank you for your care, concern, and commitment.**

Have a wonderful Labor Day weekend.

Stay safe. Be well.

Roy Seitsinger