

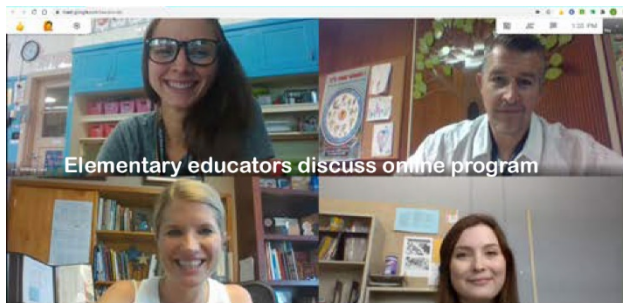
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Oregon Trail School District

## Oregon Trail Educators prepare to kick-off an unusual school year

Oregon Trail educators returned to work virtually today for pre-service training to prepare for this fall's Comprehensive Distance Learning program. Superintendent Aaron Bayer kicked off the morning with a welcome message presented through Google Meet. He acknowledged the challenge our educators have before them and encouraged them to "do this as a team to overcome the obstacles and embrace the opportunities." Bayer is often heard saying we must "ensure that children thrive here and ultimately arrive at the future they deserve." Today he referenced Francis of Assisi's quote, "Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

Over the next two weeks, teachers will participate in multiple training opportunities to hone their use of digital tools for instruction. They will also collaborate as grade level or content/subject teams on common planning and preparation.



Teachers, specialists, and counselors will begin reaching out to families later this week and next week to ensure their students have access to the district's online learning resources, review the students class schedule, and answer questions about the upcoming school year.

All Oregon Trail schools will begin the 2020-2021 school year with a Comprehensive Distance Learning program that will include options for Virtual education and Online instruction. We will implement these options for approximately nine weeks, September 14 through November 13, and will continue to assess our options based on updated state and county health metrics. We hope to be able to transition to a hybrid model before Thanksgiving, providing instruction with A/B student cohorts attending school on alternating days.

For information about the district's Comprehensive Distance Learning program, visit [oregontrailschools.com](http://oregontrailschools.com).

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