

**Bear News**  
**Index Elementary School**

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**We are the Index Bears!**

**Together We Are Inspiring  
Life-Long Learners**

**Superintendent's Corner**

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Greetings!

I am sharing a board decision regarding "In-Person" learning at Index School District. Our school board met this week at our normally scheduled time. There was a great deal of discussion around our desire to have students back in the classroom as soon as possible. This was balanced with the need to keep everyone safe during this pandemic time. With the significant increase of positive COVID-19 tests in our county, the board determined that we need to wait until after the Thanksgiving and Winter breaks to review our plan for returning

students to "in-person" learning. The decision was largely based on the Snohomish County Health Department's recommendation to not advance further "in-person" learning while the COVID counts are rising so quickly. This was a difficult decision, and I am sure it will make things challenging for everyone. We need to error on the side of keeping our students, staff, and the greater Index community safe from exposure as we navigate these uncharted waters. Thanks for your patience and support of your students and the school. We will continue to stay in close touch with each of you to ensure that we are doing the very best for your family and your children.



In a short time, we will be taking our winter break. What a great time to reflect on the year and plan for new beginnings and prepare for a fresh start in 2021.

This time around family can be exciting AND it can also be challenging. When things are busy or just crazy... Sometimes I say things I shouldn't say. Sometimes I react and lash out at friends and family.

As we take time to celebrate this season and when we are spending time with others.... We should take time to **THINK** about our words and actions...

**T**= Is it True?

**H**=Is it Helpful?

**I** = Is it inspiring?

**N**=Is it necessary?

**K**=Is it Kind?

Let's make sure our words and actions are an encouragement to others.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

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