Nevada City School District is working to finalize the plans for the 2020/2021 school year. Although there are several options developed and no decision has been made, we are wanting to gauge the number of families who will choose 100% distance education as the choice for their family. An eLearning committee, made up of a variety of stakeholders, has been creating a model based on the feedback we received. Distance education will have the following:

**Learning Management System (LMS):**

A LMS is a digital place where teachers & students go to get information, assignments, and announcements about their classes. The NCSD supports Google Classroom as the LMS for distance education.

**Recording Lessons:**

ScreenCastify will be used to record teacher lessons. These will then be linked directly to Google Classroom. The NCSD has purchased a district-wide license so everyone can use it.

**Flipgrid** is a website that allows teachers to create "grids" to facilitate video discussions. Each grid is like a message board where teachers can pose questions, called "topics," and their students can post video responses that appear in a tiled grid display. This will be used in primary grades TK-3rd.

**Online Meeting / Video Conferencing:**

After quite a lot of discussion, the committee chose Google Meets as the video conferencing software to use district wide.

**Google Calendar:**

Our district will be using Google Calendar to schedule meetings with students and staff. We see this as valuable considering the unconventional daily schedules that are expected this school year.
Other requests based on parent/student input:

- Lessons will be **pre-recorded** so students/families can view them on their schedules rather than lessons via scheduled online meetings
- Teachers will hold regular teacher “**office hours**” online
- Teachers will post **work expectations** for students daily at the same time

**Hardware:**

The district has purchased additional **Chromebooks** for students and we are currently waiting for shipment. There is a high supply demand and we are hopeful that we will get them soon. Touchscreen Chromebooks for teachers will give them better tools to create lesson content. This equipment is currently shipping.

The district purchased **IPEVO Document cameras** for every teacher which are portable and easy to use. The IPEVO can be used to simulate a teacher standing at a whiteboard which can then be recorded. Shipment estimate is currently mid-September.

**Other:**

We are working on the purchase of wireless Internet Hot Spots for families to checkout and use.

We are creating training and offering options through the County Office of Education for teachers.

It is **very important** that you fill out this **parent survey** ([click this link to take the short survey](#)). We need this information in order to plan for and staff schools appropriately. Your survey response is not a commitment. Your final choice will be indicated during the PowerSchool online registration process.

PowerSchool ONLINE Registration is new this year. Our planned launch date is August 4, 2020. It is imperative that you have a PowerSchool parent portal so that you can access the online forms. If you currently do not have access please email help@ncsd.k12.ca.us as soon as possible. The web address for the PowerSchool portal is [https://ncsd.powerschool.com/public](https://ncsd.powerschool.com/public) - it is available on all school websites. During this formal registration process, you will be able to choose either 100% distance education or the hybrid learning model for your child(ren). **We ask** for families that choose distance education to commit unless situations change. We are trying to create the most consistent educational opportunities for all students. For families who choose the hybrid model students will be divided into two groups, cohort A and B.
Students in grades 2nd-8th

Cohort A:
Students in grades 2nd-8th with last names A-L:
Attend school in person on Monday and Tuesday

Cohort B
Students in grades 2nd-8th with last names M-Z:
Attend school in person on Thursday and Friday

Students in grades TK-1st

Cohort A:
Students in grades TK-1st with last names A-L:
Attend school in person on the **mornings** of Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Cohort B
Students in grades TK-1st with last names M-Z:
Attend school in person in the **afternoons** of Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

We understand that families in certain circumstances will need to be able to have input on whether their child is in cohort A or B. First priority will be given to students who live in the same household and parents who need a specific cohort in order to return to work. Second priority will be given to families that have created carpools, study groups, or child care groups with other families. We will do our best in all of these circumstances to accommodate requests.

**Timeline:**

1. **Tuesday, July 21, 2020:** Board Meeting- discussion only

2. **Thursday, July 24, 2020:** Parent/family communication regarding timeline and [survey](#)

3. **Monday, July 27, 2020 - Friday, July 31, 2020:** Negotiations with labor unions

4. **Tuesday, July 28, 2020:** Review new draft from Nevada County Health Department on school reopening: tentative

5. **Tuesday, July 28, 2020** 5 p.m.: Parent survey ends
6. **Sunday, August 2, 2020 8:00 p.m.:** deadline to submit questions for the Zoom to: Schoolreopening2020@ncsd.k12.ca.us

7. **Monday, August 3, 2020: 5:00 p.m.:** Special Board Meeting to vote on school reopening plan. **Zoom Link:** https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89620104916

8. **Tuesday August 4, 2020:** PowerSchool Online registration open for 2020-21 school year options and A/B placement and 100% distance education

9. **Tuesday, August 4, 2020 by 3:00 p.m.:** Post NCSD cleaning schedule/protocols: tentative based on availability of new local guidelines

10. **Tuesday, August 4, 2020 6:00-7:00 p.m.:** Parent/family Zoom

11. **Thursday, August 6, 2020:** PowerSchool online registration deadline for learning choices.

12. **Friday, August 7, 2020 & Tuesday, August 11, 2020:** Leadership/staff plan for A/B cohorts, a.m./p.m. groups

13. **Wednesday, August 12, 2020 4:00 p.m.:** Teacher/cohort placement open to view on Powerschool

14. **Thursday, August 13, 2020 - Friday, August 14, 2020:** All staff welcome and training

15. **Monday, August 17, 2020:** First day of school for all (cohort A in person/cohort B Distance Education)