

School district begins crafting reopening plans

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The state Department of Education released plans Wednesday to guide local school districts in reopening – or not – for the 2020-21 school year.

“Ready Schools, Safe Learners” is meant to guide public schools and charter schools as they develop an operational blueprint.

“It will be a year unlike any

year in recent history in public education,” said Tom Rogozinski, superintendent of the Warrenton-Hammond School District. “It’s requiring a massive amount of changes in our protocols. ... It’s like planning a new system.”

State Superintendent of Schools Colt Gill held a press conference for administrators and reporters earlier in the day and Rogozinski passed along preliminary

plans to the school board Wednesday night.

School will not start on the Tuesday after Labor Day, as has been the tradition in Warrenton. Instead, teachers and staff members will have four days of in-service training the week before Labor Day and four days immediately after to prepare for all the changes.

Students will start school on Sept. 14.

What the school day will look like is a work in progress.

That the plan is fluid “should come as no surprise to anyone,” Gill told reporters. The state guidelines will remain in effect through June 30, 2021, unless replaced by updated guidelines.

For the next school year,

each district and charter school will develop an “Operational Blueprint for Reentry” tailored to local needs.

Each blueprint must address public health rules, equity, instruction and engagement with family and community.

Warrenton will be required to post its blueprint online for public review by Aug. 15. A number of state rules on social distancing will be required.

The district gets to decide whether it will teach students on site, through distance learning or through a hybrid of the two.

Warrenton is likely to choose a hybrid, as will 95 percent of districts, Rogoz-

inski predicted.

On Wednesday afternoon, the district sent surveys by email to all parents asking them which model they prefer.

“We’ll find out the percentage of parents who feel comfortable sending their kids to school,” Rogozinski said. “This is the beginning of us building the system.”

Districts must develop a communicable disease management plan in conjunction with local public health authorities to cover “what if” scenarios, such as a serious outbreak.

They’ll be asked to do more with less.

“This just seems like there’s a lot of educated people spending a lot of time and money on this,” school board member Dan Jackson said.



Jackson

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF CLATSOP

In the Matter of the Estate of ARTHUR DENNIS HUGHES, Deceased
Case No.: 20PB03487

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Marty Hughes has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the Personal Representative c/o Seaside Attorneys, 842 Broadway, Seaside Oregon 97138, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or the claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the lawyer for the Personal Representative, Jeremy Rust.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Warrenton Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing at 6:00 P.M. July 9, 2020 at the Warrenton City Hall, Commission Chambers to consider Case No. DCR 20-1 Commercial Corridor Design Standards Code Amendment, an amendment to Warrenton Municipal Code Section 16.12.010 Definitions, Section 16.116.030 Design Standards, and Section 16.36.050. This case will be reviewed under the procedures, standards and criteria in Warrenton Municipal Code 16.208.060, Type IV Procedure (Legislative and Map Amendments) and Chapter 16.232 Amendment to Comprehensive Plan Text and Map, Rezone and Development Code.

Anyone wishing to testify on this proposal may either attend the public hearing and speak to the City Commission, or submit written materials, which must be received by the Warrenton Community and Economic Development Department no later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the hearing. Written comments may be mailed to Kevin A. Cronin, Community Development Director, Community & Economic Development Department, P.O. Box 250, Warrenton Oregon, 97146-0250.

Anyone wishing to review and/or purchase copies of the proposed legislation and/or staff report may do so at Warrenton City Hall, 225 South Main, or may contact Kevin A. Cronin, Community Development Director at 503-861-0920 – cityplanner@ci.warrenton.or.us. The staff report will be available for review at no cost at least seven days before the hearing.

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VA reaching out to nation’s newest veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs recently launched an initiative, the Solid Start Program, for new veterans.

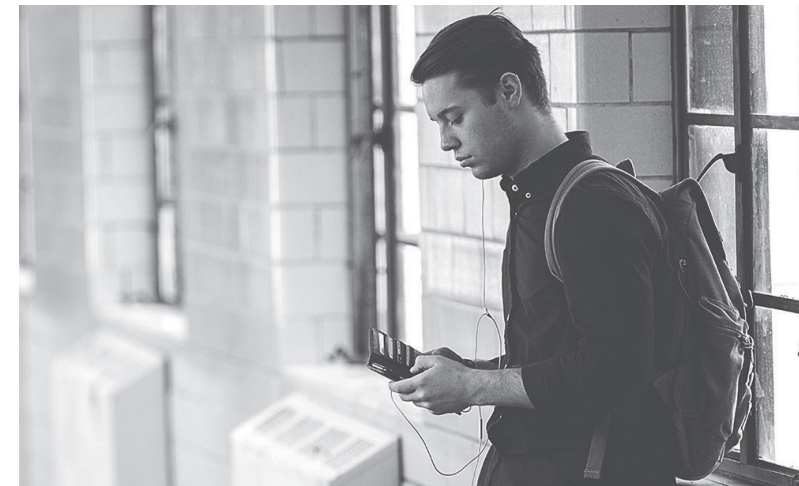
Solid Start is a transition program in which VA representatives reach out by phone to the more than 200,000 newly separated veterans during the critical first year of transition from the military to inform them of the benefits for which they’re eligible.

These include health care services, mental health services, home loans, and help returning to the civilian workforce.

The program was launched in December as part of a presidential executive order.

In the first year after leaving military service, many veterans experience significant stress and pressure, said Rachel Powers, public affairs officer for the Portland VA Regional Office.

“It’s so important for the VA to reach these individuals and make them aware of all



That unidentified incoming phone call could be from the Department of Veterans Affairs, which recently launched a new program to reach out to new veterans.

the benefits and services VA provides,” she said.

Veterans within their first year of separation from uniformed service commit suicide at a rate nearly two times higher than the overall veteran suicide rate, according to the VA.

Newly separated service members can expect three calls from Solid Start rep-

resentatives during the first year. Those who’d like to learn more, or who have not received calls, can phone 800-827-0611.

The North Coast VA Clinic at Camp Rilea also can help with resources.

To speak with a crisis line counselor, call 800-273-8255 and press 1 when prompted or send a text to 838255.

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