

Dear Students and Families,

I hope your summer is going well. I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. I am Randy Fugate, your new Principal for Del Norte Community School, Elk Creek and Adult Ed. I was born and raised in Del Norte County and have spent 29 years working here in the school district at Crescent Elk and the last 26 years at Del Norte High. Needless to say, I love our area and have made it my life's work to be a part of making education a positive and rewarding experience for our students. Our other new addition to Del Norte Community is Mr. Christie. He will be replacing Mr. Fitch as he will be teaching at Del Norte High this year.

These past several months have been challenging in many ways and certainly in education. We know this is not how we had hoped to start out this new school year. This fall we will start the year in a Distance Learning model (**phase 1**) for the first couple of weeks. The plan is to open to **Phase 2** on Sept. 14 which is still distance learning, but allows small groups to come onto campus. It is our hope to be able to begin transitioning into small group instruction at that point. We know students do better when they can engage in person at school with teachers and peers, and we will do everything we can to make this happen as soon as possible.

If possible, in **Phase 2** on Sept. 14th we will divide our school into two groups. One group will attend school in person on Mondays and Wednesdays and the other group will attend Tuesdays and Thursdays. On the days students are not on campus they will be completing assignments from home and still be able to connect with a teacher if needed. By early October we may be able to shift into **Phase 3** and could have all students attending at that time.

A key difference between last spring and this new year is the requirement to attend and complete work. California law is very clear on this and passing grades cannot be issued for simply checking in or doing a few assignments. Grades and credits will once again be based on completed work.

Our school office will be open again on August 17 each day from 8am to 12pm if you need to come in, and 8am to 3pm by phone. Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns as we get closer to the start of school, 707-464-0750. We will be checking out chromebooks this week and next week so students are ready to start on the 31st. Please stop in and check one out as soon as you can.

Some important dates to remember:

August 17th - Office Opens 8-12 for walk-ins and 8-3 by phone daily

August 18th-28th chromebooks and annual school paperwork can be picked up at school

August 19th - Teachers return to school and will be contacting families over the following days

August 31st - school starts for students

September 7th - Labor day (no school)

- enclosed is preliminary, draft schedule for DNCS during Phase 1 and Phase 2/3

Sincerely,

Randy Fugate, Principal

[Draft of Phase 1 Distance Learning](#)

[Draft of Phase 2 Blended Learning](#)