

April 30, 2021

Dear Parents of the Banks School District,

I hope all of you and your families are doing well. This letter is intended to provide important Banks School District updates.

**Summer School Survey – PLEASE READ AND TAKE SURVEY!!**

In order to better understand the interest level of our community, we are asking you to take a survey so we can potentially plan summer school opportunities for our students. Please take the survey here. [Summer Survey Link](#)

**The 2021-2022 School Year**

I know people are wondering about next school year and what it will look like. **We intend to offer full-time in-person instruction, five days per week in the 2021-2022 school year.** We anticipate a CDL option in the fall for families who do not want to attend in-person. As I find out more information from Oregon Department of Education, I will share that information with school staff and parents. We are confident that state requirements and guidance will allow for full-time instruction next year. We have proven we can operate our schools in a safe manner. We are excited about moving forward from this difficult year.

We have had a very successful spring and unfortunately, the shift from 6 ft. to 3 ft. in social distancing came too late to make another major pivot and shift schedules again. We are still considering high school students coming five days a week, but we are monitoring our COVID numbers as our county approaches extreme risk status again. We have also surveyed high school students and parents to understand their perspective as well as we near the end of the school year.

**New Quarantine Protocols**

We received word yesterday that we need to change our quarantine protocols. Our protocols were a 10 day quarantine (most situations) and people could test at day 5 and return on day 8. We had become very efficient with the process and it was effective. We were told by Washington County Health yesterday that we are required to now quarantine 14 days with no test out option, no exceptions. This is a reminder to please continue to wear masks and social distance. Please continue to follow these protocols to slow the spread of COVID and keep our schools and classrooms COVID free.

Sincerely,

Jeff Leo  
Superintendent