

March 18, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians:

It has been an exciting couple of weeks in the Banks School District. We had over 700 students on campus over the last two weeks. Our K-5 is now in the hybrid model and our 6-12 starts right after spring break on March 29<sup>th</sup>. It is hard to believe it has been a full year since we were ordered to close in-person school. I am very grateful to all the students, parents, community, and staff for their patience as we have navigated this difficult year. I hope you have a wonderful spring break and we look forward to seeing all of you after spring break.

### **Face Coverings / Masks**

**Masks are required on school grounds at all times. This includes all indoor and outdoor areas.** This includes extra-curricular events, student pick-up, riding the bus, etc. We are following Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Department of Education guidance. Please help us with this as we all work together to keep our schools open and COVID case numbers down.

### **Safety Protocols and Screening Process for your Child**

It is very important that you are screening your child at home before you send them to school each day. You have received information on what to look for and the major and minor symptoms of COVID. If your child is showing symptoms, please use the link provided below before calling the school. This will guide you through a decision making process. The link will be posted on each school's website page for easy access. The survey information that you provide will also be sent to the District Nurse.

You can find the [ABSENCE DUE TO ILLNESS](#) reporting link here.

### **Food Service Update**

**In-Person Learning Meals Option** -- With the transition to Hybrid education comes meal service transition as well. Students who return to in-person school will be able to eat lunch on-site on their days in the buildings, and will have the option to take home meals to cover the days they are not in the buildings. At the elementary school, take-home meals will be delivered to your student's homeroom at the end of the day if you have filled out the weekly pre-order form. Middle school and high school students will pick-up their meals at dismissal time on the way out of the building, if you have pre-ordered.

**If you decide that you would like for your child to receive meals for the days off-site during a week, surveys are due Monday at 1 p.m. of that week.**

<https://forms.gle/Nhd15cNZVNwDZmtaA>

**CDL Learning Meals Option** -- If your child will not be returning to the buildings for school, or if they have non-school age siblings / children under 18 who don't attend BSD, you can order a 5-Day meal kit to be picked up every Monday. These meals are only for students who are not in

the buildings at any time and cannot be ordered in conjunction with school / take-home meals. Meal kits can be picked up from Banks Elementary School, Buxton Bus Stop, or Timber Bus Stop (Times to be determined based on sign-up).

**If you would like to receive a 5 Day Meal Kit, please fill out this order form no later than Monday at 1 p.m. PRIOR to your pick-up Monday.**

<https://forms.gle/NKovGXi75wd3CBht5>

**If you have questions about food service, please call 503-359-8110 ext. 4524 or email our Food Services Director Laycee Pickerill at [laycee.pickerill@sodexo.com](mailto:laycee.pickerill@sodexo.com).**

### **Transportation Update**

If you have any questions about transportation please contact **Mid-Co at 503-324-2736**.

### **Snow Days Make-Up**

We will be making up snow days this year on the following dates:

- June 17<sup>th</sup> will be a half day and the last day for students in Hybrid B
- June 18<sup>th</sup> will be a half day and the last day for students in Hybrid A
- June 18<sup>th</sup> will also be the last day for students in CDL.

Have a wonderful spring break!! Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's school or principal if you have questions. We are so excited to be back!!

Be safe and be well.

Jeff Leo  
Superintendent  
Banks SD