

May 14, 2021

Re: Update

To: Parents/Guardians of the Banks School District

I hope things are well and that you are enjoying the weather as summer approaches. I wanted to update you on a few items as we finish out the school year.

Masks

Here is information and communication I received yesterday from Oregon Department of Education.

Today the [CDC released new guidance](#) related to fully vaccinated individuals and the use of face coverings and physical distancing.

*This afternoon [Governor Brown issued a video statement](#) on how this new guidance will be implemented in Oregon. In her statement she shared, "**Nothing is changing for schools this school year, and I expect education staff and students to continue to wear masks and physically distance, as outlined in our Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidance.**" This also applies to all other individuals on school campus, including but not limited to: family members, volunteers, visitors, SROs, and other partners.*

ODE is currently working with OHA on guidance for next school year. We will begin to share a discussion draft including key changes for your input the week of May 24th. We will also notify you of any updates to RSSL guidance for summer school in the coming weeks.

This announcement is very promising news as we move into next year where we get to resume some type of normal where kids are in school 5 days a week. I do understand the frustration, but I appreciate your patience and your help in continuing to wear masks at school, school events, on campus, etc.

Summer Academy

We are busy planning summer opportunities for students who are interested in our summer academy. Expect an email next week with more information and registration information. We are excited to be able to offer a robust summer program that students will enjoy and have an opportunity to build a strong academic and social foundation heading into next school year.

Vaccination Opportunities

Recently, any person 12 and older became eligible to receive a COVID vaccination. If you are interested in receiving a vaccination or your child is eligible to receive a vaccination, here is some information.

If you would like to register or find out more information on vaccination times, please click on this link. <https://all4oregon.org/> Also, walk-ins are now welcome at the Oregon Convention Center vaccination location.

Sincerely,

Jeff Leo

Superintendent