



Philomath School District 17J

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Board of Directors

Superintendent's Report

June 21, 2021

Philomath School Board:

The Philomath School District is pleased to welcome the following individuals to our School Board for their upcoming four-year terms of office. These individuals were recently elected by the Philomath community to serve on the School Board.

- Joe Dealy – Retired Philomath Teacher.
- Erin Gudge – Graphic Design Specialist for Samaritan Health Services.
- Rick Wells – Wood By-Product and Log Haul Trucking

These new School Board members will be joined by our two continuing members:

- Anton Grube
- Karen Skinkis

With incredible ***gratitude and appreciation***, we celebrate our outgoing School Board members. Philomath appreciates your service and dedication to our students and staff. Thanks and best wishes to the following individuals:

- Greg Gerding
- Jim Kildea
- Shelley Niemann

OSBA Summer Professional Learning:

- School Board Essentials (July 9, 2021)
- Empowering Youth Voices (July 10, 2021)
- Board Leadership and Administrative Professionals Workshop (July 23, 2021)
- Raising the Equity Question (July 24, 2021)

RSSL Updates:

- Most recent updates to the ***Ready Schools, Safe Learners*** guidance was released to school districts on Friday, May 28, 2021.
- Final guidance for the 2021-2022 school year is expected to publish on July 22, 2021.

Benton County Metrics:

Time Period	Case Count	Cases per 100,000	Test Positivity
06/06/2021 – 06/19/2021	50	52.8	1.8%
05/30/2021 – 06/12/2021	45	47.5	1.6%
05/23/2021 – 06/05/2021	53	56.0	1.9%
05/16/2021 – 05/29/2021	63	66.6	2.0%
05/09/2021 – 05/22/2021	114	120.4	3.0%
05/02/2021 – 05/15/2021	188	198.6	3.7%
04/25/2021 – 05/08/2021	205	216.6	3.3%
04/18/2021 – 05/01/2021	201	212.3	2.6%
04/11/2021 – 04/24/2021	179	189.1	2.6%
04/04/2021 – 04/17/2021	128	135.7	2.6%

- Winter sports will finish with showcase events this week (06/21 – 06/25).
- Current teams in competition include the following winter sports:
 - Basketball
 - Wrestling
 - Swimming
- Girls Basketball Game, scheduled for Tuesday, June 22nd, will follow OSAA protocols only for players. Players and officials meeting CDC requirements for vaccination completion will not be required to wear face coverings during time on the court. Face coverings will be required by players when on the bench. (RSSL maintains the caveat that local school districts may maintain RSSL guidance for face coverings).
- Face covering requirements for additional high school basketball contests in 2020-2021 are at the discretion of the host facility.

End-of-Year Updates:

- Successful graduation ceremonies were held for our high schools:
 - Philomath High School honored 123 students on Saturday, June 5th.
 - Kings Valley Charter School honored 10 students on Saturday, June 12th.
- Rather than one, large district end-of-year event, celebrations took place with staff members in each individual school.
- COVID-19 Dashboard added to PSD website, listing weekly update of case counts in schools.

2021-2022 Start of School Updates:

- Guidance for opening public schools in the 2021-2022 school year will not be formally available until at least mid-July.
- PSD schools currently planning to open schools with a ‘normal’ schedule, returning to the pre-COVID daily schedule—Plan A.
- “Plan B” will include adjustments that might be needed should physical distancing be a requirement for any of our schools.
- Final schedules will be shared by the district and individual schools in early August.
- Students wishing to return to in-person instruction in our classrooms will be able to return to their specific school.
- Students wishing to participate in online instruction will be enrolled at the Philomath Academy.

- A survey will be e-mailed to families by the end of this week—no later than Friday, June 25th—to request information about current plans for your child(ren) this fall. Survey results are not binding in any way.
- At this time, we do not know about possible requirement for the following:
 - Face Covering;
 - Physical Distance; and/or
 - Cohort Groups.
- The district calendar for 2021-2022 is now available on the PSD website. School is scheduled to begin for students on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.
- The weekly early release days, designed for staff professional learning, will be moved back to Friday.
- Current licensed position openings for the following:
 - Art Education (Middle and High School);
 - Elementary Teacher;
 - Library Media Specialist;
 - Music Teacher (Elementary and Middle School);
 - Speech Language Pathologist; and
 - Special Education Administrator.
- Current classified position openings for the following:
 - Middle School Success Coach;
 - Swimming Pool Supervisor; and
 - Temporary Groundskeeper/ Maintenance.

COVID Vaccination Clinics:

- The Benton County Health Department has asked to use the parking lot at Philomath High School to support a community mobile vaccination clinic for Benton County. Dates are as follows:
 - July 6, 2021 (Tuesday) – 4:00pm-7:00pm
 - July 27, 2021 (Tuesday) – 4:00pm-7:00pm
- Pfizer vaccine will be available (available for anyone age 12 or older).
- Remember that students age 15 and older do not need parental permission to receive vaccine. Please be sure to talk as a family about your choices and/or preferences).

Technology Updates:

- Following approval at the April meeting of the Philomath School Board, installation of new intercom and bell systems has been completed for Clemens Primary School, Philomath Elementary School, and Philomath Middle School.

Summer Session:

Date	Activity
June 14-25, 2021	Credit Recovery (High School)
August 2-27, 2021	K-8 Enrichment (One-week opportunities)
August 2-27, 2021	K-5 Literacy Camp
August 16-23, 2021	Kindergarten Jump Start
August TBD	Summer Bridge Program (8 th -9 th Grade)

Student Success Act:

- Currently planning for 2021-2022 activities for the Student Investment Account (SIA) portion of the Student Success Act (SSA).
- A survey will be shared with families, staff, and community members to assess priorities for use of these funds. Critical areas for allowable expenses in Philomath consist of the following:
 - Health & Safety;
 - Increased Instructional Time; and
 - Well-Rounded Education.
- The following items were supported in the initial plan, created in the spring of 2020, with two additions:

Health & Safety	Increased Instructional Time	Well-Rounded Education
• Late Afternoon Bus Route(s)	• After-School Tutors	• Elementary Drama
• Mental Health Support Staff	• AVID Implementation	• Athletic Participation Fees
• Professional Learning	• ELD Instruction Support	• Drama Participation Fees
• PSD Security Upgrades	• ↑ Instructional Assistants	• PSD Equity Team & PL
	• ↑ RTIi Licensed Staff	• Instructional Materials
		• Professional Learning
		• Summer Bridge
		• School Improvement Staff