



Philomath School District 17J

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Board of Directors

Superintendent's Report

September 16, 2021

2021-2022 Start of School Updates:

- Oregon's priority is to "implement protocols needed to reliably and safely hold school in-person, every school day, for all students, all year long."
- Largest issues that could impact in-person learning include:
 - Vaccine Requirement and Workforce Impacts
 - Quarantine Policies and Practices.
- Updated **Ready Schools Safe Learners Resiliency Framework** was published by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) on 09/09/2021.
 - Links to additional resources and supports.
 - Addresses OAR 333-019-1030 related to COVID-19 vaccines.
 - Face covering information to align with OAR 339-019-1015 and OAR 333-019-1025.
 - Addresses OHA's COVID testing program.
 - Supports for **Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services**, as approved by PSD Board last month.
- Development of **Oregon Data for Decisions** dashboard.
https://www.oregondatadecisions.org/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery
- As reported by the Oregon Health Authority:
 - Current transmission of COVID-19 is considered "high" across the majority of counties in Oregon.
 - Seeing a continued increase in cases among children. Currently highest among 12-17 year olds.
- As the year progresses, PSD will continue to monitor opportunities for students based on COVID protocols, infection rates, and/or state mandates. We know we will need to be flexible and responsive to school-wide conditions and student needs.

Inservice Activities:

- Staff inservice activities were completed via Zoom, hosted at each individual school.
- Specific activities targeted the following topics:
 - Red Rover (Leave, Substitute, and Time Cards)
 - Epi Pen Purpose and Use
 - Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
 - RSSL Resiliency Framework
 - Tech Talk
 - E-Mail and Messaging Safety
 - Password Security Basics
 - Hands-On Support
 - Special Education Staff Meeting

School and District Report Cards:

- Annual requirement from the Oregon Department of Education.
- No public release date has yet to be announced.
- District Profile:
 - Demographics (Students and Staff)
 - Regular Attenders (K-2)
 - Language Arts (3rd Grade)
 - Mathematics (8th Grade)
 - On-Track to Graduate (9th Grade)
 - On-Time Graduation (12th Grade)
 - District Goals
- School Profiles:
 - Demographics (Students and Staff)
 - School Environment (Regular Attenders)
 - Academic Progress (Language Arts, Mathematics, Science)
 - On-Time Graduation, High School Completion, and College Going (High School Only)
 - School Goals
 - Safe and Welcoming Environment
 - About Our School:
 - Bullying, Harassment, and Safety Policies
 - Extracurricular Activities
 - Parent Engagement
 - Community Engagement
 - Advanced Coursework (High School Only)
 - Career & Technical Education (Secondary Only)

COVID Vaccinations:

- Oregon is requiring all school staff to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 prior to October 18, 2021.
- Exceptions will be available for medical and/or religious reasons.
- District Office is currently receiving and processing vaccination status and verifying exceptions.
- The Benton County Health Department will be using the parking lot at Philomath High School to support a community mobile vaccination clinic for Benton County. Dates are as follows:
 - September 27, 2021 (Monday) – 4:00pm-7:00pm
 - October 18, 2021 (Monday) – 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.

Back-to-School Open House:

- To honor Oregon's request to limit the amount and size of school gatherings, B2S Open House will be held virtually this school year.
- Information will be published by the afternoon of Wednesday, September 22nd.
- No in-person opportunity this school year.