



Sisters School District

“Home of the Outlaws”

Curtiss Scholl
Superintendent

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Good Morning Sisters Schools Community,

As I write to you today, the single most helpful thing you can do to keep our K-4 in school and get the other students back in the classroom is to stay healthy; wear a mask, socially distance, and wash your hands. The COVID-19 case count continues to rise in Deschutes County. Please know that while students appear to be less affected by COVID-19, our schools are an eco-system consisting of a wide range of hard-working people from our community. Although we know that schools are not “spreaders,” the increased case count creates concern. The safety of the entire eco-system must be considered in any plans moving forward.

Sisters School District is in constant communication with Oregon’s Department of Education and Deschutes County Public Health. These agencies are here to serve Oregonians and would welcome your direct appeal.

We have been fortunate to be able to serve our K-4 students with in-person instruction under the exception clause in the Oregon Department of Education guidelines. Seeing our students in class at SES or in some limited in-person instruction (LIPI) in our other buildings is inspiring.

We understand that Comprehensive Distance Learning is far less desirable than in-person teaching - our students, teachers, staff, and parents would agree. However, we’ve made significant progress and are always looking to make improvements in our CDL execution. I want to continue to encourage you to openly communicate with your teachers and building staff when questions or concerns arise, both academic and social/emotional. Our staff are here to help support you through these times.

As we continue to work together, I know we will get through these unprecedented times and be stronger as a community.

Stay safe,

Curt Scholl
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