



Our Stripes Run Deep



## Bandon School District #54

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Governor Kate Brown has amended the use of public health metrics for K-12 eligibility for in person schooling. Public health metrics are now considered advisory instead of mandatory as of January 1, 2021. School districts are encouraged to make the best decisions for their community using an equity lens, the public health metrics, and consultation with the local public health authority. We are committed to incorporating feedback from our students, families, staff, and community as we make decisions for our children. Please be patient with us as we work locally to co-construct plans for a return to in-person instruction. Our local decision-making process accounts for the fact that updated *advisory* Health Metrics for Returning to In-Person Instruction may be published later in January. ***We will begin in person instruction for our K-5 students on Tuesday, January 5 and will have a staggered return for our 6-8 and 9-12 students.***

This does not impact our Virtual programming for K-12 students. Families currently working in our Virtual programs (K-5 Virtual/6-12 Apex) will have the opportunity to return to in person instruction at the start of the 3rd quarter (February 1), as previously planned. Please reach out to your school office if you are interested in moving to our in-person instruction program.

**Our K-5 students** will have an independent learning day using Seesaw/Google Classroom on Monday, January 4. On Tuesday, January 5, students will return to the Hybrid model used throughout this school year with in person instruction Monday through Thursday and independent virtual work on Fridays.

We have tentatively scheduled a staggered return with **students in grades 6-8** beginning Hybrid/On Site instruction on Monday, January 11, 2021 and **students in grades 9-12** returning on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. The school district will be ready to serve the children in our community while following the Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidance provided by ODE and intended to make our return to in person education as safe as possible. More information will be forthcoming about logistics for the 6-8 and 9-12 in person experience. Scheduling of our Limited In Person Instruction will resume for our 6-12 students the week of January 4, 2021.

All new BSD athletic updates and guidance from the OSAA will be found on the Bandon High School and Harbor Lights Middle School websites under the athletic tabs. Season 2 will begin February 8th, 2021 and will include Football, Volleyball, and Cross Country. All students must be academically eligible to participate and compete as per OSAA guidelines. At this time, these guidelines apply to all levels including middle school.

Be safe, be healthy, and know that we look forward to seeing you soon. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Ardiana". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "D".

Doug Ardiana, Superintendent  
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