



Pleasant Hill School District

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Dear Pleasant Hill Community and Staff,

As you are aware, the Governor directed the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to write a rule requiring face coverings in indoor school settings for all K-12 students and staff during the 2021-2022 school year. You can read the Governor's message [here](#).

This came as a surprise to Pleasant Hill School District (PHSD) as [two messages](#) indicated we were considering making masks optional the start of the school year 2021-22. We had over 460 responses in the three days to the [survey we posted](#). We had over 75% supporting masks as being an option.

Currently, we no longer have the option to provide our own guidance, to those who submitted comments keep them coming, we will be forwarding messages later this week. If you would like to submit a comment, you may do so at [the PHSD Website](#). These messages will be sent to Director Colt Gill Oregon Department of Education (ODE), Jim Green Oregon School Board Association (OSBA), Craig Hawkins Coalition OF School Administrators (COSA), and Michael Carter Oregon Small Schools Association (OSSA).

This past year, the community of Pleasant Hill, Lane Public Health Authority, and PHSD demonstrated our ability to provide as safe environment for all individuals who were on campus. I believe we can continue to do so, together, with that belief PHSD will continue to advocate for local control and not have to face civil penalties from the state of Oregon.

As more information is forth coming, PHSD will be in communication with you in the days and weeks ahead.

Respectfully:

Scott Linenberger
Superintendent
Pleasant Hill School District