

**PORT ORFORD**



**LANGLOIS 2CJ**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Hello 2CJ communities:

Yesterday morning, we released a letter regarding protocols for safety when we return to school in August. That information was based on the information that was given to us by the Oregon Department of Education and OHA the previous week regarding COVID - 19 protocols, which included local control over certain safety protocols, including optional face coverings indoors.

About 2 hours AFTER we released our letter, Gov. Kate Brown directed the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Department of Education to create a rule to require face coverings indoors for K-12 schools statewide for the 2021-22 school year.

We were as surprised as everybody else at this announcement. With the low number of COVID - 19 cases in our communities this summer, and our safety protocols that are in place for the upcoming school year, we were confident in our decision of making face coverings optional indoors for this upcoming school year.

We still have more than a month before school starts on August 30, and the situation and requirements could change. It's imperative that our school community continue to stay healthy and keep the COVID - 19 numbers down if we want to have a chance for local control of safety protocols in our schools.

Our goal is to provide the best education possible for students and staff while providing a safe environment to learn and work. We will update our families via our Facebook pages and district website throughout August with needed information on the upcoming school year. Thank you for your patience and support.

Respectfully,

Steve Perkins  
Superintendent