

Rainier School District #13

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Dear Oregon Elected Officials,

WHEREAS the updated Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidance promotes a shift from required to advisory metrics to use when considering a return to in-person instruction.

WHEREAS the metrics to return middle school and high school students to in-person suggest county case rates be below 200 per 100,000.

WHEREAS county metrics do not truly illustrate case rates within our community.

WHEREAS all Rainier School District students deserve the option of in-person instruction to promote social emotional learning, teacher and student interaction, and access to activities and athletics.

WHEREAS school districts who open against advisory metrics risk the loss of liability protections provided through HB-4402.

WE, THE RAINIER SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SUPERINTENDENT, ask that school districts in Oregon be provided unconditional local control, free from the risk of losing necessary liability coverage.

AND that we return to our original timeline for returning to in-person instruction through a hybrid model beginning on February 16, 2021.

WE, the Rainier School District request advocacy, local control, and support from state and local leaders to ensure our students and staff have the necessary flexibility and resources to return to in-person instruction safely.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Hattrick".

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