

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J

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Dear Parents, Students and the Vernonia Community,

As many of you have heard Governor Brown recently reinstated her directive that all students and staff wear masks in Oregon schools, regardless of vaccination status. The return to this policy will definitely have an impact on staff and students here in Vernonia as we all were thinking these restrictions were behind us.

Right, wrong or indifferent these safety precautions are mandated by the State, and the Vernonia School District will abide by those precautions and recommendations.

Unless these regulations change, the District's plan is that students, staff and visitors will be required to wear masks indoors at all times. Masks will be optional for outdoor activities and athletic participants.

I understand all too well how divided people are on this issue, and will continue to work to have our local decisions be what is best for OUR kids, and not what fits best within an individual or group's political opinions and beliefs.

Our bottom line:

Please. Just allow your kids to come to school free of any mask politics. Send them to us to learn reading, writing and arithmetic, and help keep politics out of our educational system. We made it work last spring, and will do so again throughout this year.

I am vaccinated, I don't want to wear a mask anymore either, but I am going to do what is best for our kids so they can actually come on site to school, and participate in their education in person.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aaron Miller'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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