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Tony Mann, Superintendent

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Dear MRSD Families and Staff,

I hope this message finds you and your families well and enjoying a sensational Oregon summer. I wanted to take this opportunity to share some updates with you regarding some changes that impact our summer school program, as well as, provide you with an update on our planning process for the upcoming school year.

Mask requirement lifted; Masks become optional beginning Tuesday, July 13th

At the regularly scheduled business meeting last evening, the School Board took action to lift the mask requirement for students and staff participating in our summer school program beginning Tuesday, July 13th. Although the requirement will be lifted, we honor everyone's individual decision and choice regarding the wearing of masks. We appreciate all of our parents and families who took the time to share your input at last evening's meeting.

Our teachers and staff will communicate this change to our students on Monday, July 12th. Our staff will reinforce our school community code of conduct regarding respectful and kind behavior to all individuals regardless of their personal decision to wear/ not wear a mask. As parents are truly a child's first teacher/educator, we hope you will have the opportunity to share the change in requirements with your children in preparation for next week.

Planning for the 2021-22 School Year; A Look Forward

Last school year we operated under formal guidance from the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) called Ready Schools; Safe Learners. On June 25th, ODE updated that guidance with a view to the 2021-2022 school year, taking into account the changes in the statewide public health guidance from OHA.

The MRSD administrative team has been reviewing this new guidance and will draft a local plan/ administrative proposal that will be shared with the community by the end of July. During the first week of August we will invite community input into the draft plan. The school board will then review the district proposal at their August 12th school board meeting.

Please be on the lookout (toward the end of this month) for a special message from me that will include our draft plan for next school year and will invite your feedback and input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Mann".

Tony Mann