



Colton School District 53

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Colton Families and Community,

It is with frustration that I share that last Thursday on Governor Kate Brown's [Mask Mandate of July 29 for Oregon public schools](#) after she announced in late June that all future decisions about Covid-19 protocols would be decided at local levels. The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) are developing an Oregon Administrative Rule to require masks indoors for K-12 schools.

That being said, both the School Board of Directors and I will continue to advocate, lobby, and stand up for Colton's values to retain local control and decision-making that is in the best interest of our community and the Colton School District. We welcome you to write to [the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, Oregon Department of Education, local State Senators, and State Representatives](#) to use your voice at their respective positions of influence in the push for reopening schools.

The Colton School District will do everything within our power to maintain local control over the educational experience. My goal is to allow families and staff to make informed decisions and honor each family's wishes for their own student, while supporting anyone who chooses to wear a mask for their own protection.

In the meantime, the district will be intensely focused on learning, and prepared for more changes at the state level as they occur, with the intent to limit disruptions to your child's learning.

Sincerely,

Dave Kline

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