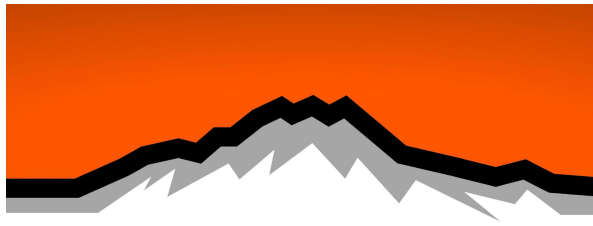


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## **RAINIER SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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### **Welcome Back to the 2021-2022 School Year!**

Dear Rainier Community,

I hope you are enjoying a relaxing summer. I am looking forward to working with you all again this year. As we embark on this new school year, I look forward to seeing the hallways and classrooms filled with staff and students coming to school 5 days a week and with as much normalcy as we can provide.

I realize a major concern in our community is surrounding the topic of mask wearing.

Under the authority of [RCW 43.06.220](#), the Governor has broad emergency powers, and they have the power of law! We must keep everyone safe and we must follow the mask requirement of all school employees, volunteers, visitors and students during school, when students are present.

Please review the new [Department of Health Guidance](#) for schools and continue to monitor our [2021-22 School Year Info](#) page for the latest updates.

The District is not requiring vaccinations for COVID-19 at this time. While vaccination against COVID-19 is not a requirement for in-person learning for K-12 schools, it is the strongest protective measure against the virus and available to individuals 12 years and older.

On September 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:30-6:00, we will host an open house for students and families. Everyone will be required to wear a mask when entering the building. For more detailed information on open house, lunches, lockers, school supplies, protocol for entering the buildings and any other concern you may have please contact your child's school.

We will continue to have COVID-19 tests available for staff and students on a volunteer basis.

Serving as the superintendent of the Rainier School District is an honor and a responsibility that I take very seriously. I am dedicated to ensuring the Rainier School District continues to develop as a cutting-edge school system. I believe great schools occur only when students, parents, the community and staff work together. This requires a willingness to truly listen to one another, see creative solutions and stay focused on what's best for kids.

I look forward to working with you all on our journey towards educational excellence!

Thank you and I hope you all have a great school year!

Sincerely,

Superintendent Bryon Bahr