

Administration Reports

March 2021

Elementary K-6 Schools Combined Report

- Heppner Elementary School
- Sam Boardman Elementary School
- Windy River Elementary School
- A.C. Houghton Elementary School
- Irrigon Elementary School

Extended Day Letter To Parents and Guardians:

We ☐ Morrow County students!

Did you know?

- Students started attending school in person in Morrow County on September 14th.
- Students attending schools in Irrigon, Boardman and Heppner have been in school every day since October 28th.
- In grades K-6 Morrow County currently has over 80% of our enrolled students attending school in the buildings.
- Teachers in Morrow County have been teaching students face-to-face and online every day!
- All teachers and staff in Morrow County who wanted the COVID-19 vaccine have received both the 1st and 2nd dose.

We are ready to extend our school day until **3:00pm!**

This is very exciting for Morrow County and is an option now due to a number of factors. First, we have the vast majority of our students attending on-site and we have not had any COVID-19 spread at school. All K-6 buildings have been open every day without needing to shut down a school due to exposure to the virus. Second, we are now allowed to have 28 family groups of students on the bus at a time. This is a significant increase from the beginning of the year when we could only have 20 individuals on a bus at a time.

Now that we are extending the school day to 3:00pm, we will be transitioning students who are remaining in distance learning to a specific distance learning teacher. This will allow teachers to focus on face-to-face instruction and the health and safety of students while at school for an extended time. And it will allow the students online to have the undivided focus of a teacher as well. You can imagine the difficulty of monitoring an entire classroom of students while at the same time trying to keep track of students online too.

This extension of the school day will require staff schedules, recess breaks, cleaning processes and meal procedures to be changed to meet the needs of students all day. Currently, in many cases staff are waiting to eat lunch until after the students get on the bus to go home at 1:00pm.

Scheduling Considerations:

- Maintain high quality cleaning and disinfection of classroom surfaces
- Maintain social distancing and frequent hand washing in the classroom
- Maintain mask wearing in the classroom
- Schedule one class in a designated outside play area at a time
- Ensure students belong to very few cohort groups to limit exposure
- Include recess, PE, and Music in the weekly schedule, when possible

We are so grateful to the communities in Morrow County for partnering with school staff in providing instruction to our students. We appreciate your help to assist us in meeting the requirements of the Oregon Health Authority so that students and staff remain healthy and our schools can remain open. **We are so excited to get back to our new “normal” and have students at school until 3:00pm each school day starting March 29, 2021. All families who choose to remain receiving instruction online through Comprehensive Distance Learning will be notified of their child’s teacher before spring break.** Thank you again and please contact your school office with any questions.

Current Number of Online Only Students by School:

- Heppner Elementary School Online Only Students = 0
- Sam Boardman Elementary School Online Only Students = 22
- Windy River Elementary School Online Only Students = 32
- A.C. Houghton Elementary School Online Only Students = 17
- Irrigon Elementary School Online Only Students = 32

Current Transportation Situation:

The community of **Irrigon** has 3 buses currently driving routes to transport students in grades K-6th.

AM Bus Route 1 - drop off at school at 8:15am

AM Bus Route 2A - drop off at school at 8:15am

AM Bus Route 2B - drop off at school at 8:40am

AM Bus Route 3A - drop off at school at 8:15am

AM Bus Route 3B - drop off at school at 8:40am

We have worked with MidCo to create additional routes for 2 of the buses. Each bus drops off students at 8:15am and then goes back out to pick up more students for drop off at 8:40am. These secondary routes pick up students at 12:35pm and drop them off at home. Then come back for the next routes and collect students from the schools at 1:00pm. In Irrigon, the plan is to have a 4th bus added for after spring break. With the allowable increase of 28 family contacts per bus, we will be able to transport all students to ACH and IES.

The community of **Boardman** has 3 buses currently driving routes to transport students in grades K-6th.

AM Bus Route A Pink - drop off at school at 7:45am

AM Bus Route A Blue - drop off at school at 7:45am

AM Bus Route A Green - drop off at school at 7:50am

AM Bus Route B Blue - drop off at school at 8:00am

AM Bus Route B Pink - drop off at school at 8:06am

AM Bus Route C White & Yellow -drop of at school at 8:00am

We worked closely with MidCo to create additional routes for all 3 regular route buses. We have a staggered drop off in the morning, including many parents dropping students as well. In the afternoon bus routes pick up students starting at 12:45pm, drop off students at home, then come back for the next route. All students depart from SBE and WRE by 1:15pm daily. In Boardman, the hope is to have a 4th bus driver hired, and add a route after spring break. With the allowable increase of 28 family contacts per bus, we would then be able to transport all students needing bussing to SBE and WRE.

The community of **Heppner** has:

AM Cyan Bus Route - Drop off at school at 7:45

AM Black Bus Route - Drop off at school at 7:45

AM Grey Bus Route - Drop off at school at 7:45

AM White Bus Route - Drop off at school at 7:45

Secondary Schools Combined Report

As our 3rd quarter is nearing an end, we are implementing additional class/cohort rotations during our morning hybrid in-person schedules at all three of our secondary schools. This will allow students to be in front of two of their classroom teachers each week.

As many students are already attending in-person hybrid learning these rotations will create an additional teacher class/cohort opportunity for students attending in-person to access their teachers more frequently.

Athletic practices began February 22nd, and competitions began the week of March 1st. Students are excited to participate in practices and games. We have plans at each high school to provide tickets to home fans in advance to each competition. The number of tickets will be based on the size of each team. We also have cameras set up so that fans at home can login to the NFHS Network and view the event free of charge. You can view the NFHS channels by clicking the link below:

Irrigon: <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/irrigon-high-school-irrigon-or>

Heppner: <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/heppner-high-school-heppner-or>

Riverside: <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/riverside-high-school-boardman-or>

The school district is paying for the subscription to the schools NFHS websites. This will allow all fans to tune in and watch events for free.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

MCSD – Maintenance & Facilities Update – March 2021

We have reviewed the Maintenance budgeting requests from our schools and will be submitting our 2021-2022 budget by March 15. Our budgeting focus continues to be based on Safety, Extending Useful Life and Efficiencies/Cost Savings with an added emphasis on COVID and air quality.

We are working with McKinstry and Tremco Roofing on recommendations that may improve our response to COVID and the air quality in our buildings. Additionally, we have purchased air purifiers for each classroom to add another layer of protection and peace of mind.

The large capacity hot water heaters at Sam Boardman Elementary have been replaced by Blue Mountain Plumbing with the assistance of Rock Enterprises and electrical work by Shelco Electric.

Rock Enterprises is replacing the volleyball stanchion under the gym floor at Heppner Jr Sr High so the new standards for the nets will stand upright correctly.

A fire panel will be replaced at Irrigon Jr Sr High which was recommended by Johnson Controls.

We are working with Dave Fishel and Jose Aparicio from Wenaha Group on the next steps for the May 2022 Bond. Cost estimates based on the draft plans that were created with our Community Advisor Committee groups during 2019 & 2020 will be available to our Core Team by the end of March.

Staff Incident/Accidents Report:

Date	School	Incident
None		

Financial Report Talking Points:

1. We will be proposing a supplemental budget at the April Board meeting to correct the budget, and to appropriate additional funds that the District received after the budget had been prepared.
2. The District received \$89,098 from the Common School Fund.
3. Our audit has been processed by the Oregon Department of Education and the Federal Audit Clearinghouse with no additional comments or responses required.