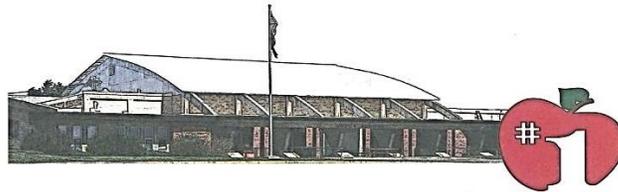


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May 7, 2021

Dear Dufur School Supporters,

As we approach the conclusion of the 20-21 school year, there are several things that I would like to update you on.

- **Throughout this year the question that has been on everyone's mind is when can all-the student's return to school?** After our recent experience with Covid-19 we have made the difficult decision to finish the school year in the current structure that we have been operating in. We feel that changing at this point may well be counterproductive. Contrary to how some districts feel, we feel strongly that Dufur students have made great strides this year, both in terms of learning and dealing with uncomfortable/challenging situations. Our staff have been steadfast in their efforts to best meet the needs of our students and their families, the product has been great. It has been frustrating that guidance from the Oregon Health Authority has prevented us from welcoming full classes every day, but I believe that we have dealt with Hybrid Learning in the best way possible.
- **What will school look like in the fall?** We have every intention of returning to school in the fall in a more traditional structure. It feels like we are moving in a direction that will allow us to do that. As we plan for the 21-22 school year, we are mindful of many things that were new this year, and have been great experiences both for our students and our staff. We will continue the rich educational activities that our staff has developed this year, which will better meet the needs of our families.
- **Graduation** will be held on Saturday May 29, beginning at noon on the Ranger Football Field. Graduation will be followed by a senior parade through town. We anticipate being able to welcome people on site this year.
- **Ranger Pride Educational Foundation development.** The Foundation is developing nicely, the current focus is selection of scholarship recipients. We are also working hard on developing partnerships in the surrounding area to partner with our Gateway to the Trades Program. There will be exciting news on this topic in the near future.
- **Educator Appreciation Week.** A huge shout out to all the Dufur School District employees who have worked so hard this year to make this year a success! The tireless pursuit of quality programming has been amazing!
- **Thank You!** Thanks to all the families / community members that have partnered with the school to make this year a good experience for all Dufur School Students!

Sincerely,

Jack Henderson, Superintendent