

Dear Dufur School Supporters,

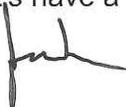
As the 2021/22 school year quickly approaches, I'd like to update you on several things pertaining to K-12 education. The recent news concerning Covid has once again left people asking many questions that largely don't currently have answers. Anything Covid related creates strong reactions regardless of a person's position on the issue. Dufur staff has spent the summer planning for a full return to school, that remains our focus, if that changes, we will communicate that as soon as possible. High School athletic practices are beginning as scheduled on Monday August 16th, events are scheduled to begin two weeks later.

Other topics in the Dufur School District:

- The recent news on the reduction of Essential Skills testing in Oregon was confusing at best. To clarify, all academic requirements are still in place to graduate from High School in Oregon. The testing that has been required to graduate, is simply no longer required. Students in Dufur High School will see no changes, other than no statewide testing each spring.
- The Ranger Pride Education Foundation has had a great summer, highlighted by a recent \$ 100,000.00 donation. As the year unfolds you will receive information on this program's direction. One current area of focus is our new Ranger Tech Program. This program will provide High School students exposure to multiple areas in the trades, both through coursework as well as experiences in the field. Cynthia Kortge is the Executive Director of the Foundation, Leona Egeland is the Coordinator of the Ranger Tech Program. Look for updates throughout the upcoming school year on these exciting opportunities for Dufur School Students.
- The Bond Project nears completion, the Transportation Facility was recently completed and is online to serve the district for decades to come. Local Artist Jeff Stewart is currently working on murals in the new entry of Dufur School and will work with Dufur High Students when the school year begins. An outdoor basketball court is currently under construction on the elementary playground area. A sand Volleyball court will be added near the west entry to Dufur School this fall as well. As this project draws to a close, thank you again for your support of the district in passing the bond!

Although there are currently some unknowns, be assured that your school district is focusing on providing the best education possible for Dufur School students. We look forward to the upcoming school year and continuing the district's quest for continuous improvement.

Let's have a great school year!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'John' or similar, written in a cursive style.