



October 20, 2021

Dear students, staff, families and community,

Tomorrow will be Kelly Zender's last School Board Meeting as a Board Director. Despite challenges our District has faced in the past few years, his contributions to school improvements have been significant and commendable. I would like to publicly thank him for his support and service as well as his steadfast advocacy for all students. He will be greatly missed on the School Board, but I know he can be counted on to continue supporting Mount Baker as a parent and community member.

Congratulations and welcome to Brenna Reaugh who will be sworn in as a School Board Director at our December 9th meeting. Brenna is a parent and supportive community member, and I look forward to working with her on continuous improvement for student belonging and learning for Mount Baker students. Director Brian Kelly ran un-opposed in the election and will continue in his role as a Board Director along with Annie Elder, Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt, and Karen Reich. School Board Directors are volunteers who take on a great deal of work and responsibility in service of students, staff, families, and the community. Thank you Mount Baker School Board!

You will be seeing information in the media about staff vaccination rates in Washington State School Districts. Mount Baker has 85% of staff fully vaccinated, 1% with medical exemptions, and 12% with religious exemptions. You can find data for Educational Service Districts along with individual Districts [here](#). Again, this is data on required COVID-19 vaccinations for staff. COVID-19 vaccinations **are not required for students** even though they are becoming available. These vaccinations are a choice for parents.

Mount Baker Drama Club presents *Alice in Wonderland* starting Friday evening. Check out our website for [more information](#). Please join us this weekend or next weekend for this performance that is sure to delight your entire family.

Have a wonderful evening!

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