



Ellensburg School District #401

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Good evening staff and parents,

We are very excited to start our new school year tomorrow. We will need your help tomorrow by following the requirements that are outlined in our ESD Health and Safety Plan at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hYvtDM5xpvtLRLuJosWxIUghTkqdWX03VegnlqYjmss/edit>.

Some of the important requirements in this plan include:

- Please stay home or do not send your child to school if you/they are sick. Being sick could include symptoms like a fever, cough, headache, loss of taste or smell, etc.
- All staff and students will be required to wear masks inside all ESD buildings and school buses. Students who refuse to follow this requirement (unless they have a mask waiver that was approved by Dr. Mark Larson) will not be able to remain at school. In these instances, parents will be contacted, and they will be asked to pick up their child.
- ESD will only accept mask waivers that are on the official form issued by their personal physician and then signed off by Kittitas County Public Health (same form as last year). Students who received mask waivers last year that were approved by Dr. Mark Larson, Public Health Officer for the Kittitas County Public Health Department, will not need to renew this waiver for this year.

Our teachers, custodians, secretaries, administrators, and counselors have worked hard in their buildings to make this first day special for students. We understand that our community may have different views concerning the health and safety requirements that were given to Washington school districts, and we ask that we set our differences aside and make this a wonderful day for our students and community.

Sincerely,

Jinger Haberer, ESD Superintendent