

May 13, 2021

Dear Students and Families,

We are looking forward to having all students onsite every day next year when our school year begins in September.

For those who wish to remain with remote learning next year, our Granite Falls Academy (formerly Granite Falls Virtual Academy) will be opening its registration for 2021-22 later this month. For students coming to our campuses in the fall, you'll begin to receive information from your specific school from now throughout the summer. Check your email and follow our district's website and Facebook for more information.

There have been questions about masks next year. I want to reiterate, that's not a local decision made by my office or by the Granite Falls School District Board of Directors. The Washington State Department of Health issues these standards by which districts must comply.

Here is the link to the **current** expectations for this 2020-21 school year: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/FallGuidanceK-12.pdf> and the just released guidelines for Summer 2021 and the 2021-2022 School Year: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/820-105-K12Schools2021-2022.pdf> . Page 2 in the second link details the face mask expectations for next year. The Washington Department of Health has stated that the requirements will be updated over the summer, hopefully that will result in a healthy elimination of masks. We also want to acknowledge that the CDC is putting out updated guidance as well.

We are down to the last 21 school days. Let's finish strong!

Dr. M