



January 19, 2021

Attn: Board of Directors
Medford School District
815 S Oakdale Ave
Medford, OR 97501

Dear MSD Board of Directors:

As the new realities of life with coronavirus continue to unfold, there seems to be no shortage of things to fear. Beyond the sickness itself and economic impacts, there is the social isolation, all of which are already affecting our students, families, and communities. We acknowledge that we can do better and seek actions that can serve to transform us for a more positive future for our students, both local and beyond.

For our district, we believe solidarity is the experience of being in the midst of something much larger than oneself—and realizing that we can enact change for the better, can take care of each other, can make decisions together—is life changing. Standing in solidarity is an important form of visible action and we want you to know that we stand by you.

Due to Governor Browns recent changes, we are continuing to focus our efforts on our reopening plans. At this time, we will not be adopting a similar resolution but wanted to express our sincere gratitude for the way Medford School District has led the charge in advocating students returning to their classes in person. The conversations that arose from this have been incredibly valuable in our decision-making process.

Finally, we want to recognize that these times are difficult for all of us. We thank you for the care and compassion you continue to show in educating students as well as focusing on their mental, emotional, physical, and social well-being. We also continue to work harder to safeguard our students, staff, and community. Rogue River School District continues to support your efforts and looks forward to the return of a stable and consistent school environment for the staff and students of our region.

In solidarity,

Rogue River School District Board of Directors | board@rogue.k12.or.us