

January 6, 2020

PBCCS Charter Renewal PUBLIC MEETING, January 11, 2021 @ 6:15 PM

PBCCS formally requested a 5 year charter renewal from Crook County School District. CCSD will hold a public hearing regarding PBCCS's request for renewal. Public comment is welcome if you would like to share your support of PBCCS' charter renewal request. You can join the meeting virtually by following this link <https://zoom.us/j/99104414492>.

Frequently Asked COVID-19 Questions

We've put together a list of frequently asked questions based on common questions we've received over the past few weeks.

Are children required to be vaccinated for COVID-19?

No. Current vaccines are not recommended for young children. Pfizer's vaccine has been authorized for ages 16 and up. Moderna's vaccine is currently authorized for ages 18 and up. Both companies have begun clinical trials for younger kids. With any luck, a full pediatric vaccine will be available by late 2021.

Are teachers required to be vaccinated?

No. However, the state is prioritizing educators in the early phases of the vaccine distribution. Teachers who want the vaccine will have access to it before the general population. Governor Brown says the reason for this is to help schools across Oregon reopen sooner.

Will safety protocols in the schools remain in place?

Yes. Even as more students return to in-person learning, schools in Oregon are still required to follow the safety measures outlined in the [Ready Schools, Safe Learners](#) guidelines. Wearing masks, learning in cohorts, physical distancing, washing hands, cleaning and sanitizing will remain a part of our school systems for the remainder of the year.

Are there changes in how exposures or positive cases of COVID-19 be handled if all students return full time?

The Oregon Department of Education recently changed the quarantine guidelines to align with the guidance of the CDC. ([Planning for COVID-19 Scenarios in Schools](#)). Close contacts *who have not developed any symptoms* may consider ending quarantine after 10 days without any testing, or after 7 days with a *negative test result*, unless otherwise directed by the health department.

If a student becomes ill, or is exposed to COVID-19 at school, you will be contacted by the school. If there are outbreaks or direct transmission at school, PBCCS will partner with the Crook County Health Department to determine if it's safe to remain open or if a school needs to close.

If a student receives a positive COVID-19 test, probable diagnosis, or exposure notification please contact the school immediately at info@powellbuttecharterschool.org.

January Virtue: Courage

January is a good month to focus on courage and bravery. Courage is a big virtue! Courage has physical, moral, civic and intellectual elements that we all need to engage at times. This month at PBCCS, students are setting some personal “courageous goals” that will encourage them to be stronger, prouder, more independent people and students. We look forward to teachers celebrating the courageous efforts of students during the class BEST awards on January 29.



January 11	PBCCS Charter Renewal Hearing 6:15 PM via Zoom
January 15	No School - Teacher Work Day
January 18	No School - Presidents Day
January 21	PBCCS Board Meeting 7:00 PM via Zoom
January 25	No School - Grading Day
January 29	Class BEST Celebrations