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New Metrics Allow Brothers, Paulina to Fully Open in September

Crook County School District to decide if K-3 can start in-person by Friday

After pushback from rural schools and community leaders on the initial guidelines for reopening schools due to Covid-19, the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Department of Education expanded exceptions for rural schools. The new health metrics now allow two of Crook County's smallest schools to open their doors to students September 8th.

The exceptions are for schools with fewer than 250 students that are served by counties of less than 30,000 in population. Crook County's population is just under 25,000, while enrollment at Paulina is currently at 17 students and 11 in Brothers.

"We'll take what we can get given the circumstances, and we're thankful the state was willing to hear the feedback of our rural communities and find a common-sense solution," said Superintendent Dr. Sara Johnson.

All other schools operated by Crook County School District are located in the City of Prineville and have more than 250 students. That means most students will be starting the first day of school online. Crook County was meeting the exception for K-3 to start in-person when the state first released the health metrics, but a spike in cases the last week of July has called that plan into question.

District leaders are coordinating with the Crook County Health Department and are reviewing the health metrics. A final decision on K-3 starting in-person on September 8th will be made this Friday.

About Crook County School District

Crook County School District is a thriving, rural, growing district in Central Oregon, serving more than 3,000 students from all across Crook County. It is an organization with integrity, a model for educational success, and a recognized leader for excellence in helping students dream, learn, and succeed.

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