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Neah-Kah-Nie School District Community,

I would like to update the community on the current status of the school district's COVID vaccination initiative. Oregon has prioritized vaccinating the educator community in order for students to return to school in a safe and timely manner. Neah-Kah-Nie School District is doing its part to vaccinate educators and those who directly support educators. All Neah-Kah-Nie School District staff, substitutes, coaches, school board members, bus drivers, etc. who requested to be vaccinated, received their first vaccine on Thursday, February 4. The second dose will be administered March 4. Approximately 130 vaccines were administered by Rinehart Clinic staff. 95% of licensed (teachers & administrators) were vaccinated and 61% of classified (custodians, instructional assistants, secretaries, cooks, etc.) staff received the first COVID vaccine. The decision to receive or decline the vaccine is a personal decision. Reasons staff decided not to be vaccinated include: medical, religious, personal, and vaccine hesitation. The school district initiated a concerted effort to provide non-biased information to staff about the COVID vaccine. Guest speakers provided ample opportunities for staff to seek additional information on the positives and negatives of the vaccine.

NKN employees would like to thank Rinehart Clinic staff for assisting with the organization and implementation of the COVID vaccination clinic. In addition to staffing the clinic, Rinehart Clinic employees did a wonderful job sponsoring a question and answer session with NKN staff before the actual vaccination clinic. Neah-Kah-Nie staff would also like to express our gratitude to Manzanita resident and epidemiologist Victoria Holt for sharing her knowledge of the COVID vaccine and the time Victoria spent answering staff benefit vs risk questions. NKN Administrative Assistant, Kathie Sellers was the key organizer of the clinic, thank you Kathie!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Be safe,

Paul Erlebach, Superintendent

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