

**SCHOOL:** Teachers excited to see their students

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Haney also acknowledged the concerns and challenges that lie ahead as reopening takes place.

She said, "For some there is a natural apprehension for returning to school, given further details from the CDC on what an exposure means and higher level of positive cases in our county, but we hope to see SMS students back in our school sooner than later."

"That being said," she continued, "the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and community are always at the forefront of decision making, and as such it will be a multifaceted, multi-stakeholder conversation before we make final decisions."

*(The status of the return to school will be updated at [www.nuggetnews.com](http://www.nuggetnews.com) when further information becomes available.)*

Superintendent Curt Scholl sees Sisters as being a bit ahead of the game in terms of serving students compared to many Oregon districts.

He said, "Currently, statewide, we are serving less than 10 percent of our students in any type of in-person instruction. In Sisters School District, with the K-3 exception and those students that are being served in some form of limited-in-person instruction, we are serving between 30 and 40 percent of our students weekly."

According to Warburg and Haney, the anticipated return date could be as early as Tuesday, November 10. Confirmation, along with all other information, will be provided to the school

community this week.

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) recommends a measured approach to restarting students to in-person instruction, but it is possible for Sisters students in grades 7-12 to also be returning to school in the near future as weekly health data comes in and plans are finalized.

Caution is also merited based on a significant upswing in cases throughout Oregon, including Deschutes County, in recent weeks.

Superintendent Scholl said, "As we digest these new metrics, we will communicate how these changes will impact Sisters School District, and our ability to serve our students and families."

The complete updated version of the "Safe School, Ready Learners" document can be found on the ODE website.

# Hummel charges seven in clash

BEND (AP) — An Oregon prosecutor said Thursday, October 29, he will file charges against seven people who were involved in violent clashes during dueling political events at a park in Bend last month.

Those facing prosecution include people from both sides of the political spectrum. Bend police had recommended charges against 15 people, but Deschutes County District Attorney John Hummel declined to charge more than half of them.

The district attorney also released 200 pages of police reports related to the case after police Chief Mike Krantz took the unusual step last week of publicly releasing his department's charging recommendations.

The charges resulted from an October 3 confrontation between racial justice demonstrators and President Donald Trump supporters at Pilot Butte Neighborhood Park. Police said a man broke a \$20 Trump flag off a truck and a brawl ensued.

Hummel faulted the organizer of the Trump rally for moving the event closer to

a previously planned picnic hosted by racial justice groups. That decision was "provocative, ill-advised, and was the precipitating act that resulted in ... an awful day in Bend," Hummel wrote in a statement.

Oregon Public Broadcasting reported that those facing prosecution include two men caught on video punching people; a man seen pointing a gun; a woman shown macing the man after he put the gun away; and two women recorded hitting officers in

the aftermath of a brawl.

Hummel declined proposed charges against people who sprayed mace to break up the fighting or defend themselves. He also did not charge people who used their bodies to block a police cruiser from leaving the scene or those who piled on top of a woman to stop officers from moving her out of the way.

Racial justice activists who blocked traffic outside police headquarters the day after the incident also were not charged.



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The Sisters community didn't let restrictions keep them from safely enjoying Halloween.

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