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classroom. It's important to kids and we want to ensure we can still continue to do that," he said. "We want to really adhere to the strict protocols and send out reminders to families on what we need to follow."

McNary athletic director Scott Gragg echoed Ramirez's sentiments after meeting with the other ADs in the district on

Tuesday.

"We might have to have stricter protocols and implement other things, but continuing athletics is our priority," Gragg said.

After going nearly a year without providing athletics due to the pandemic, SKPS student-athletes returned to the field in March of last year to compete in a six-week shortened exhibition season. All athletes, coaches and fans were required to wear masks and each event had capacity limits and contact tracing protocols.

Since the beginning of the 2021-22

school year, however, sports in the area have continued without capacity requirements or contact tracing for fans. While coaches and fans are required to wear masks, athletes are not.

Gragg confirmed that McNary will be enforcing stricter protocols, starting with being more stringent about mask-wearing — players will now be strongly encouraged to wear their masks when they are not competing.

"It's extremely important that spectators, coaches and athletes that aren't competing wear their masks properly. We're also encouraging distancing and being

diligent about identifying close contacts," Gragg said. "We want to make sure we are in alignment with what other folks are doing. There aren't going to be drastic changes, but we will be tightening up protocols. We have to do everything we can to give us the best chance to keep the season going."

Gragg also said that future adjustments to crowd capacity and scheduling could be coming in the near future

While vaccination mandates and diagnostic testing for athletes haven't been discussed yet, the district will continue the process of holding out athletes that test positive for COVID for a period of time based on their vaccination status. Although quarantining teams and postponing contests is also a possibility according to Ramirez, canceling the season is currently out of the question.

"We aren't going to play if it's not safe, but we think it is healthy to keep kids out there. We might have to hold out certain student-athletes and teams if necessary, but we will not call off all athletics," Ramirez said.

## LAW: 'Coming to Oregon in 2022'

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### The CROWN Act

A new law referred to as the CROWN Act prohibits discrimination based on hairstyles associated with a person's race. The CROWN Act will work to protect Black Oregonians both in workplaces and in public schools from discrimination for wearing braids, locs, headwraps or protective hairstyles.

Schools can no longer force students to remove accessories in their hair, remove head wraps to match uniforms or undo their hair style to conduct a lice check. The law will also apply to extra-curricular activities including sports.

Under the new law, anyone that feels they've experienced race-based hair discrimination can file a workplace or school complaint.



### 'Mugshots' no more

Law enforcement agencies will no longer be allowed to release booking photos of arrested individuals prior to their conviction. In the past, law enforcement agencies were allowed to share these booking photos, commonly known as "mugshots," on social media and with media outlets before the person was ever convicted of a crime.

Police will still be allowed to release booking photos if they determine the public's help is needed to assist "with the apprehension of a fugitive or a suspect in a criminal investigation."

The new law also targets "publish-for-pay" publications that would post the booking photos to their website and charge a fee to remove the photos. These publications will now have up to 30 days to remove a booking photo after someone submits a formal request.

In the past, the *Keizertimes* has posted booking photos on their "Cuffs in Keizer" page. While the paper never charged a fee to remove the photos, we will be removing all the past "Cuffs in Keizer" from our website.



### Police reform

Over a year of protests following the death of George Floyd led to some drastic changes to Oregon laws regarding police oversight.

**House Bill 2936** will require the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to create a background checklist and standardized personal history questionnaire for law enforcement agencies to use when hiring new officers. The bill directs agencies to create policies for standards of police officer's speech and will also allow agencies to access personal social media accounts.

**House Bill 3145** will create a publicly-available statewide online database to track the discipline history of police officers. If a public safety employee is disciplined, law enforcement units are now required to provide the Department

of Public Safety Standards and Training with a report outlining the misconduct and discipline. That information will then be put into a database created by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training and will be available for the public to access.

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