

# Teachers: ‘There is a lot of healing that will need to happen’

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considered by the school board.

“There is a lot of healing that will need to hap-

pen in the coming months,” Albright said. “Hopefully we can come together on the issues pertaining to student and employee safety. ... What we need now is

some assurance that you will help to address our members’ concerns.”

At the meeting, the school board also approved the Northwest Regional

Education Service District local service plan for the 2021-22 school year. The district provides services to 20 school districts in Clatsop, Columbia, Til-

lamook and Washington counties, and two-thirds of them must approve the plan for it to go into effect. The local service plan addresses four key areas: special edu-

cation; technology; instructional support; and administrative support. Seaside is supported by 13 dedicated staff members from the service district.

# School: ‘They’re all doing an amazing job following instructions’



Seaside School District Business Manager Justine Hill holds up a sign to point students in the right direction when they returned to on-campus learning.

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early afternoon.

This is just one example of the all new routines that students, teachers and other staff are growing accustomed to as they return to campus, Catt said.

Everyone is required to wear a mask. There are different visual cues placed throughout the building, such as painted puffin feet on the floor and ropes with handles on them, to show students where to stand and move. They each have

their designated spot in their classroom. Teachers are introducing fun and creative ways to help the kids remember to stay an arm’s length away from others when they’re walking around.

“They’re all doing an amazing job following instructions,” Wozniak said of the students, noting they hardly had any issues with the mask-wearing.

On March 1, second and third graders will return to campus, with fourth and fifth graders joining on March 16 after an in-service day. Wozniak appreciates the phasing-in approach for a couple different reasons.

First, the Pacific Ridge building is a relatively new environment for all students. Not only are the Seaside kindergartners attending a brick-and-mortar elementary school for the first time, but former Gearhart Elementary School students, teachers and staff have also been moved to the campus this year.

“It’s a brand new school for them,” Wozniak said. “None of them have been here.”

Even returning students might have difficulty recognizing the building since it was completely remodeled as part of the new campus project that is wrapping up.

Gradually bringing students back in smaller groups enables adminis-

trators and teachers to feel confident about the health and safety practices being implemented, Wozniak

said. “It’s best for us to get our procedures in place and make sure we’re doing everything right.”



Students return to classes at Pacific Ridge Elementary.

Katherine Lacaze



A parent drops off their student at Pacific Ridge Elementary School last Tuesday, the first day of on-campus learning for kindergartners and first-graders.

Pacific Ridge Elementary

# Football: Team is ready despite season delays

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League’s co-Coach of the Year last season.

Seaside’s strength in 2021, he adds, is “commitment. We’ve had 30 to 35 kids at our workouts since June. I couldn’t be prouder of our kids’ commitment level these past eight months, even with our season being far from a sure thing. We’re ready to go.”

League predictions will be tough, given all the variables. The only known part is that the Cowapa League is always tough.

After winning the 2018 state title, Banks returned to the championship game as the No. 1 seed in 2019, but lost a 21-0 decision to La Grande.

“Tough games week in and week out,” Tanabe said of the Cowapa. “We’re looking forward to the five opportunities we have to measure ourselves against someone else.”

And given their strengths and improvements made, Seaside will be right there, once again challenging for the top spot in the Cowapa.

## The players

Defensively, the Gulls had three first team all-league linebackers in 2019, two of whom return, junior Andrew Teubner and junior

Lawson Talamantez.

Also one of the top running backs in the league, Teubner could be on the field 48 minutes every Friday night.

“We expect Andrew to be one of our primary ball-carriers once again this season,” Tanabe said. “On defense he’s a great tackler who plays bigger than he is.”

Senior Aedyn Cook was an all-league running back in 2019 and will likely add his name to the league’s all-defense team this year as a linebacker.

“Aedyn will also be one of our primary ball-carriers,” Tanabe said. “On defense he is one of our most versatile players and a sure tackler.”

Talamantez can line up at tight end, running back and linebacker. “Lawson might be the best all-around player on our team,” Tanabe said. “He’s going to play tight end and get some carries at running back. On the other side of the ball, we expect him to be one of the best defensive players in the league for the next two years.”

Senior Jeremiah “J.J.” Stanley “started at guard for us (in 2019) but will move to center this year. We also expect him to start at defensive tackle.”

Running the show on offense will be junior quar-



Aedyn Cook could be all-league on both sides of the ball this spring.

Gary Henley/The Astorian

## SEASIDE FOOTBALL

Coach: Aaron Tanabe, 2nd year

2019: 4-5 (4-1 Cowapa)

Playoffs: Lost first round at Marist, 20-13

All-league losses: Jake Black, RB; Levi Card, LB; Brayden Johnson, DB; Luke Nelson, DL; David Toyooka, G.

All-league returners: Aedyn Cook, Sr., Lawson Talamantez, Jr., Andrew Teubner, Sr.

terback Carson Kawasoe.

“Carson’s skills were evident the moment he stepped on campus,” Tanabe said.

“Now as a junior, the physical side has caught up. We’re very excited about his future.”

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