

August 17, 2020 Radio Spot

Hello, this is Chris Fritsch, Superintendent of Pendleton Schools, and Tricia Mooney, Hermiston School District Superintendent. August is usually a time of excitement for students, teachers, parents and all of us who are fortunate to be involved in the education of our community's children. The first day of school is a milestone and a celebration of new beginnings. As Umatilla County Superintendents, we are disappointed that the new year must begin the way last year concluded, separated from our students. We know there is no parallel for in-person instruction and mentoring or the friendships children form with their classmates. But we also understand the dangers posed by the current health crisis and the roles schools play in keeping the community healthy. PHS and HHS may not be on the athletic field in the near future but our competitive spirit will not subside. We are Pendleton and Hermiston joining together to beat the virus. We are committed to creating a safe return to schools as soon as possible.