

Hello Paulina School Families,

Welcome back to the 2021-2022 school year. I am grateful to continue as your principal again this year. Supporting the Paulina School, the students, staff and families are very important tasks to me. This is my twenty-seventh year with Crook County Schools. Looking after the Paulina School has become one of the things I enjoy most about being an administrator. Our rural schools have unique needs and I firmly believe that it's my responsibilities to equip Paulina and the staff with the tools necessary to offer a competitive learning experience as well as the flexibility to be local in feel.

We have been through a lot together this past year. I believe it has made us stronger and we have the ability to adapt to any current conditions. The requirements to be at school include the use of masks while indoors for now. That is not my first choice for sure but I am thankful for schools to be open in person and for the operational guidelines to have become more flexible. I look forward to the less restrictive guidelines in the coming weeks and months. Until then, thank you for being a partner to do the best we can and support each other.

One of the unique things about Crook County Schools, particularly Paulina School, is that we attended school in-person during the 20-21 school year. There are so many other districts that were in an online format. Students that weren't in person lost out on important face to face instruction. I'm thrilled that we can get right back to learning knowing where our students are at academically.

I plan to come out to the school on rotating Thursdays. If I am needed on any day or at any time I'll be out to the school in a jiffy and always accessible by phone. Your school staff has changed some compared to last year. Mrs. Kortni Papineau will job share with Mrs. Naomi Childers for grades K-3. Mrs. Mindi Nelson will be teaching the 4-8 students. Mrs. Lisa McLean remains as our constant daily miracle to keep it all together. Dawn Brown remains as an instructional assistant. Mrs. Holli Rossi joins the team to serve as an instructional and media assistant. Donna Rash is still cooking the delicious meals. Kurt Brittner and Heather Frasier will keep driving bus and Heather will also be taking care of the school and grounds. Everything about Paulina School is important to me. So are the kids, the staff and families. I look forward to a great year.

Your principal, Jim Bates