



# Melba Joint School District #136

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Dr. Sherry Ann Adams, Superintendent

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Dear Melba Community,

Welcome back to second semester. I want to say thank you for all that you have done to keep our students in school and learning face to face. It has taken the hard work and dedication from everyone to make this happen. I will continue to watch the community spread, attendance numbers, as well as gather information from our local health departments. Please continue those effective practices of hand hygiene, physical distancing, and staying home when you are ill. Together we can have a successful second semester!

Governor Little in coordination with a number of educational groups has created an updated athletic plan for winter sports. This plan may be found at [hs-athletic-plan-spectators.pdf \(idaho.gov\)](https://www.idaho.gov/hs-athletic-plan-spectators.pdf). The administrative team and board members have reviewed this plan and feel confident that we are able to meet the requirements established. The board chairman and I have signed the plan and it has been submitted to the Idaho State Board of Education. This means that we will begin allowing spectators into our events according to this new plan. I would ask that you remain patient with us as we develop and implement these new protocols.

The athletic teams have been briefed on this plan and coaches will share information on how the two spectators per athlete will be determined. Please note this plan requires all spectators to wear a mask upon entering the facility and at all times when physical distancing is not available. This plan defines physical distance at 12 feet from non-household members.

We will honor the expectations of the host facility when attending games away from Melba. If the host facility is not allowing spectators, then we will not expect our fans to be able to attend. However, if a district is making the choice to not comply with the athletic plan or the Stage 2 requirements, we will not send our athletes to that site. We are committed to providing our athletes and fans a safe environment in which to compete as well as do our part to keep all athletics going in the state.

Sincerely,