



Superintendent's Update

Shared with the Corvallis School Board during the December 7, 2016 meeting.

Long Range Facility Master Plan Committee

The Corvallis School District will be seeking applicants to serve on the Long Range Facility Master Plan (LRFMP) Committee to be charged with the development of a plan to help transform an aging infrastructure and provide more innovative and equitable opportunities for all students. The committee will begin meeting in February and will complete their work in the fall of 2017. The goals and objectives for the committee will be to develop a recommendation for School Board approval that:

- Supports learning environments that are safe and accessible
- Inspires innovative learning, accommodates evolving technology, and promotes collaboration among students, staff and community
- Is cost-effective for the taxpayer, energy efficient, and adaptable for future use by students, staff and the community
- Complies with the requirements of ORS 195.110

The application process will open this week and will be shared with via school e-mail distributions, local print media, and social media. We are seeking a diverse committee with membership of 32 individuals that represent a cross section of the community including: parents, students, representatives of the business community and local government, community members, certified and classified staff and school principals.

The application will be posted this week on the school district website and hard copies will be made available in each of our schools. The deadline to submit an application will be early January. Kim Patten, Director of Facilities and Transportation will manage the application process.

Governor's Budget Update

The Governor's recommended 2017-19 budget was announced December 1st, which proposes an \$8.015 billion State School Fund (SSF) and approximately \$140 million for Measure 98 implementation. The Governor was required to make difficult funding decisions in this biennial budget, with impacts to other governmental services and higher education. It is important to thank her for her commitment to public education. At the same time, the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators (COSA) is maintaining advocacy for an \$8.4 billion dollar budget to prevent cuts in staffing and programs in most Oregon school districts. The funding for measure 98 implementation is nearly half the amount required for full implementation. I will provide the board with updates on the state educational budget throughout the winter.

Expanding Facility Needs for WINGS

Next school year, there will be approximately twenty students in our WINGS 18-21 year program, currently co-located at the Harding Center with College Hill. As WINGS and College Hill programs continue to grow, we must identify additional facilities to meet these needs. It is my goal to find a space for the WINGS program that is located outside our K-12 school buildings and is highly accessible to community services. We are investigating potential facilities to prepare for the increased enrollment next fall.

Know Your Rights Event

A *Know Your Rights* presentation was held last week at Linus Pauling Middle School with an audience of nearly 100 parents, staff and community members. This was similar to the parent education session offered last winter.

Our health navigators provided information about local health resources and the guest speaker Maria Cobarrubia, an immigration rights lawyer provided the main presentation and Q&A. We are grateful for our strong partnership with Casa Latinos Unidos. Thank you to Marcianne Rivero Koetje for organizing this event.

Parent Engagement Event on Technology

Engage Oregon is a collaboration between Oregon school districts to provide parents a half day conference on topics related to technology in the classroom and digital citizenship. Engage Oregon is meeting a critical need to help parents better understand the process of technology as a learning tool in education and the student responsibilities that come with the use of these powerful tools.

Engage Corvallis is the central Willamette Valley event and will be hosted by our district on January 21, 2017 from 9:00 am – 12 noon at Linus Pauling Middle School. The event is free and all parents are invited. Technology Director Rob Singleton is organizing the event.

Statewide School Safety Tip Line

A new statewide School Safety Tip Line is in development for all Public PK-12 schools in Oregon. This School Safety Tip line is a collaboration with the Oregon Department of Education and the Oregon State Police. Students and other members of the public can anonymously report or share confidential information of a threat or a potential threat to student safety. Trained staff are available 24-hours-a-day, 365-days-a-year reached through a phone call, text message, mobile application or website. The Statewide School Safety Tip Line is in planning for state-wide release on January 31, 2017.

Winter weather and school closure notifications

We are entering the season of possible school closures and delays and while we hope not to miss any school days due to winter weather, we put the safety of students and staff first in these decisions. This year we are using a new service, School Messenger, as an additional communications channel to notify families and staff when there is a school closure due to weather or other emergency. With this service we are able to send a mass notification via phone or sms/text. A test message will be sent this week.

Student Performances

I am continually inspired by the breadth and depth of learning taking place in our schools. I had an opportunity to attend the Wilson Elementary music program last week and it was everything you'd expect from a performance of young students. It was great!

I invite Board members and the community to attend the upcoming high school winter performances. The Crescent Valley Choir Concert will be held next Wednesday, December 14 at 7pm in the CV auditorium. Corvallis High School choral groups will perform on Tuesday, December 13 at 7pm and the band concert will be Wednesday the 14th at 7 pm, both concerts will be in the CHS Theater.

Presented by Ryan Noss, Superintendent