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Harrisburg School District



June 4
High School Graduation

June 8
8th grade promotion

June 12
Budget committee meeting

June 12
School Board Meeting

June 13
Last day of school

July 10
School Board Meeting

August 14
School Board Meeting

August 24
New teachers report

August 28
All staff report

September 5
Beginning of school



Summer

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THOUGHTS FROM THE Superintendent

It is hard to believe that we are close to the end of another school year. On Sunday, 73 seniors participated in the graduation ceremony. This group of seniors touts a number of scholarship winners. Congratulations to the class of 2017.

Recently, we received technical assistance grants from Oregon Department of Education totaling \$75,000. These funds will be used to hire a firm that will evaluate our facilities and assist the school district in developing a long range plan. Additionally, one of the grants will provide increased seismic facility assessment. All of these reports and findings will be useful as the school board begins discussion of when to seek approval of a school district bond.

We have deferred maintenance and a need for more classroom space around the school district. Reducing energy costs through energy efficiency projects. Our high school track is in disrepair and the wrong dimensions, so we are not able to host a track meet at the high school. We need to purchase new buses for our fleet to meet the state guidelines for emission control by 2025. As you can see, this is just a snap shot of some of the areas we can address with a general obligated bond measure.

Speaking of construction work, we are still hopeful that work will begin on the middle school gymnasium in June. We were awarded a grant of 1.5 million to seismic retrofit the gymnasium. The plan is to insert approximately 20 metal columns and tie them into the wall and roof

trusses. We have ZCS engineering and Ausland Group working on this project. Ausland Group is current securing subcontractors for the specified work. The plan is to have the work completed by September 1, 2017.

Several teachers and two principals will attend the summer institute for AVID this summer. The training gives the teachers and principals a deeper understanding of the instructional strategies and how to use them in their schools. The fourth grade team and new principal, Darriek Bruns, will attend from the elementary school. Teachers from the middle school attending are Lisa Borchers, Jeremy Long and Gary Ishizaki. The high school received a grant from NIKE of \$11,750 to send Principal Mr. Stauber, and teachers Hailey Hoiland, Carly LaFountaine, Wes Becksted and KariAn Geoghegan.

I would like to congratulate all of our spring sport athletes and coaches for their hard work this past season. The girls softball team lost a tough game during the first round of the playoffs in Vale. Thanks to coach Pat McKibben who has given 34 years of dedication to Harrisburg athletics. The boys track team placed 5th in state behind strong performances from several individuals.

I would like to recognize the following retirees: Carol O'Connor with 24 years of service to the district, and Earl Cavin with 15 years of service. Their years of service to the Harrisburg School District is greatly appreciated. Both will be missed in their respective positions. Go Eagles!!

Summer Food Program

Our summer lunch program will begin on Monday, June 19 and run from 11:30 to 12:30 every day. Breakfast will be served every day from 8:00—8:30 a.m. These programs will shut down August 5.

7 Keys to Success - Closing the Achievement Gap

High Expectations

Everything begins here. Educators must possess an unwavering belief that ALL students can and will learn to a high standard. This standard must be consistent and communicated to all – teachers, students, parents, and community members. This is not just feel-good educational rhetoric. Rather, it is a deeply held belief system that forms the basis for action.

High Quality Teaching

A successful school leader is a strong educator and communicator with a powerful, clear focus on achieving academic success. Leadership begins with a principal, but it is not limited to the person at the top. At the best schools, leadership is systemically shared by all educators and stakeholders. This leadership reflects and reinforces a school environment that is safe, nurturing, and respectful – creating a place where learning is able to happen. You do not close the gap without focusing on increasing student achievement. Most successful schools begin by focusing on improving literacy. They pour time, energy, and resources into reading programs with proven results. A strong commitment to literacy typically lifts achievement in other academic areas, too.

Accountability

Professional Development

Parent and Community Engagement

Commitment to Action