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Harrisburg School District



March 22
**District Band Concert
night**

March 26
Spring break begins

March 31
**3rd grade Oceans
Night**

April 12
End of 3rd Quarter

April 13
Grading Day

April 9
District Board meeting

April 19
**High School Open
House**

May 14
District Board meeting

May 15
**Budget Committee
meeting**



Spring

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THOUGHTS FROM THE Superintendent

Spring is here and with it we have begun spring sports at the high school and middle school. Our baseball and softball programs are funded through the district for middle and high school. Many of you may have noticed our new high school baseball dugouts and storage facility. This was largely funded through donations and contributions of labor and equipment. A special thank you to Ryan Malpass the head high school baseball coach for organizing the project in terms of planning, funding, and construction. I want to thank the following people and businesses for their donation or work on this project. Relco Truss supplied all of the wood, Dale Dick construction, Knife River for concrete, Legacy Metalworks for the exterior siding, Final Finish concrete, Reynolds Electric, Malpass Farms and high school booster club.

I would like to mention our newly hired grounds keeper, John Hodges. He comes to us from the Springfield School District where he was a custodian and then grounds person. He has been on the job two months and the place is looking very nice. If you can catch up to him, welcome him to the Harrisburg School District.

Our Harrisburg School District team continues to do an amazing job working with the challenges of funding programs, managing our older facilities and doing our best to meet the ever changing needs of students. We ask that you come out and vote this spring. The school district voted last December to pursue a 15 year \$8.9 million General Obligation Bond of \$1.59 per \$1,000 assessed value. Currently vot-

ers pay \$1.09/1,000 assessed value on a twenty year bond that closes June of 2019. Our intent is to fold this new bond into the old so every taxpayer will not notice a difference other than a slight increase. We estimate the difference to be about \$8.50 a month more. In addition we are guaranteed \$2.2 million in matching grant funds from Oregon department of Education. General projects include upgrades to roofs, electrical, HVAC and plumbing systems. Safety and security projects. Adding classroom space and upgrading our high school science labs. Upgrade the track and athletic fields for drainage. Build a district storage facility. Please get out the message and vote.

We are beginning to build our school district budget for the 2018-19 school year. Each building principal and department supervisor is accessing their needs and will give requests to our school district business manager. As we put together our school district budget, we will continue to have some unknown costs in the future to the district in terms of PERS, the impact of the minimum wage increase and facility and equipment repairs. If you would like to participate in the budget committee work we have one vacancy remaining. Contact Michele Pelkey at the district office if you are interested.

I would like to congratulate all of our winter sport's athletes and coaches for their hard work this past season. The wrestling team had seven state finalists and placed fourth in state as a team.

Our dedicated staff care about the students who walk through our front doors everyday. Thank you for partnering with us as your children grow. It is truly an honor to serve as Superintendent of Harrisburg Schools.

THANK YOU

Harrisburg School District thanks the Marion Miller \$52,670 and NIKE school innovation fund for the recent \$12,347 donation.

This money will allow the school district to continue expanding the AVID program with teacher training and annual membership costs.

What became of measure 98 funds?

You may remember that voters passed measure 98 in November 2017 election. This is now entitled High School Success Fund. Harrisburg High School is eligible for \$140,787 2017-18 and \$146,534 for 2018-19 school year. The funds are to support students that current programs are not successfully reaching or impacting. So we are looking at our student body demographics making sure every student has access high school graduation and are college and career ready upon graduation. This program has a focus on Career and Technical Education (CTE) classrooms as a way to reach more students.

Mr. Stauber our high school principal, is developing a plan for meeting the goals and purposes designed for this program. He will have a number of his teachers trained in AVID this summer. If you recall, AVID is an acronym that stands for "Advanced Independent Determination". AVID's vision statement is: Proven Achievement, Lifelong Advantage. AVID's mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society. We understand not all students will attend college, but they must be ready for a career or training outside of high school. In addition, he is adding a full time shop teacher to our CTE program besides our Agriculture instructor and a part time Culinary Arts instructor.

We are hopeful to include 8th grade classes in some form of CTE classrooms. Logistics with schedules and space are being discussed. This is exciting work for educators when given the opportunity.