



Philomath School District 17J

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Board of Directors

Superintendent's Report

December 16, 2021

Schools and Classrooms:

- This week, I asked each school principal to answer two questions:
 - What are you most appreciative of/ thankful for/ over-the-moon excited about your school so far this year?
 - What are you looking forward to/ planning for/ super excited about in the New Year for your school?

Results will be shared a little later in the meeting.

- Thanks to the Philomath Community Network for putting the wheels in motion for an ***Educator Appreciation Rally***, scheduled for tomorrow, beginning at 12:30pm at Philomath Elementary School.
 - Meet at Philomath Elementary School @ 12:30pm;
 - March together to Philomath High School and Philomath Academy @ 12:40pm;
 - March together to Clemens Primary School @ 12:50pm; and
 - March together to Philomath Middle School @ 1:00pm.
 - Although not physically going to Blodgett Elementary School or Kings Valley Charter School, we will shout their praises and appreciation as we march!

Social Media Challenges:

- Tik Tok Challenge being promoted for tomorrow, December 17th, asks individuals to call in bomb threats, school shooting threats, or other threats of violence to schools across the country.
- Shared letter with families and staff earlier this evening.

Oregon Statewide Assessment:

- Oregon Statewide Assessment Summative Assessments will be given to all students in grades 3-8 and 11. The tests consist of the following:
 - Language Arts (Grades 3-8, 11)
 - Mathematics (Grades 3-8, 11)
 - Science (Grades 5, 8, 11)
- Annual Notice was posted on PSD web page on 12/01/2021.
- The District encourages all students to participate in State Assessment as it provides essential data about student, school, and district goals.
- Opt-Out notices are being mailed home to PHS students this week along with grade reports and student attendance summaries.
- Opt-Out notices will be sent to elementary and middle school families in late January/ early February with semester grade reports.

Local Option Levy:

- The generous support of the Philomath community has allowed our District to utilize funds from our Local Option Levy, approved in 2018. The levy provides approximately \$3.5 million in resources to support our schools during its five-year lifespan.
- Our commitment to voters with the 2018 approval was to maintain staff and programs for our students.
- The current levy expires on June 30, 2023.
- For consideration of levy renewal, the District will need to determine the following:
 - Interest in renewing the levy;
 - Amount to request;
 - Timing of placement on the ballot.
 - Spring 2022
 - Fall 2022
 - Spring 2023
- Agenda item will come before the Board formally in January 2022.

Holiday COVID Reminders:

- As we enter the winter holiday season, please be considerate of others especially during indoor activities.
- Please wear appropriate face coverings when in indoor activities at our schools. Please consider this practice for others around you... if not also for yourself.
- When visiting family and friends during this season, we do not want to contribute to their exposure to possible infection.

Dates to Remember:

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| • December 20 th – December 31 st | No School for Winter Break! |
| • January 3 rd (Monday) | First Day of School for the 2022 Calendar Year! |
| • January 4 th (Tuesday) | Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting |
| • January 7 th (Friday) | Spaghetti Feed (Dance Team Fundraiser) |
| • January 10 th (Monday) | COVID Mobile Vaccination Clinic @ PHS Library |
| • January 17 th (Monday) | No School for Students and Staff – MLK Holiday |
| • January 20 th (Thursday) | Emerging Bilingual Advisory Comm. ‘Meet & Greet’ |
| • January 20 th (Thursday) | School Board Meeting |
| • January 28 th (Friday) | No School for Students – Conference, Grading Day |