



Philomath School District 17J

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Board of Directors

Superintendent's Report

March 14, 2022

Appreciating Our Classified Staff Members:

The Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) appropriately states, "We Make It Work, With Class!" These staff members keep our students safe, healthy, nourished, and learning—no matter what! While their work may often go unrecognized, these dedicated individuals perform essential jobs in our schools.

While honoring a week late, the Philomath School District would like to share our heartfelt gratitude for our classified employees. You help keep our schools running, even in extraordinary circumstances.

On behalf of the Philomath School District, I would like to recognize and thank our classified employees for their dedicated service to our schools. We appreciate you!

OEA Choice Trust Grant Award:

The Philomath School District recently received \$10,000 from OEA Choice Trust. Funds are designed to support "Educator Health and Well-Being". Representatives from PEA, OSEA, and the District met to brainstorm possible uses for these funds. Cost estimates are being obtained and plans are taking shape. Our hope is that this will be a nice gift for all of our staff.

District Calendar:

As was requested at the February School Board Meeting, we have a proposed plan for recognition of the Juneteenth holiday for the 2021-2022 school year. Juneteenth is a holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, often referred to as Emancipation Day or Juneteenth Independence Day.

- Unless there is inclement weather prior to the end of the school year, staff working the 190-day standard school year will not be impacted by this holiday.
- Staff members with more than a 190-day contract will have this day off in commemoration of the holiday.
- Teachers and instructional assistants working in the Summer School program during June will not have this day recognized as a holiday. If Summer School staff working in June wish to recognize this holiday, it will be provided with supervisor approval as a non-contract day.

With other, minor changes recommended for the 2022-2023 calendar, the recognition of Juneteenth will be discussed with other calendar adjustments at the April School Board Meeting.

Civil Rights Data Collection:

- A federal report for districts and schools, completed every other year.
- Submit on March 11, 2022.

Local Option Levy:

- Planning to move forward with the November 8, 2022 election.
- Deadline to file ballot title is August 19, 2022.
- Deadline for filing ballot narrative is September 8, 2022.
- Deadline for filing arguments is September 12, 2022.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- March 28, 2022 (Monday) Start of Trimester #3 @ Philomath High School
- April 14-15, 2022 (Th-F) No School for Students (Spring Conferences, Staff Grading)
- April 18, 2022 (Monday) Start of Quarter #4 @ Philomath Middle School
- May 13, 2022 (Friday) No School for Students (Staff Work Day)
- May 27, 2022 (Friday) Inclement Weather Make-Up Day
- May 30, 2022 (Monday) Memorial Day Holiday
- June 10, 2022 (Friday) Philomath Academy Graduation
- June 11, 2022 (Saturday) Philomath High School Graduation
- June 16, 2022 (Thursday) Last Day of School for All Students