



Medford Public School  
ISD #763

# Medford High School

## School Board Report

March 2015

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### 1. Busy Students

- 3 Students Qualified for the State Wrestling Tournament
  - i. Jeron Matson placed 4<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Nate Elzen placed 6<sup>th</sup>
  - iii. Trevor Grems
  - iv. They were sent off with an assembly on 2/26 and welcomed back at a reception on 3/4
- Ms. Lannoye brought the Spanish 2 students to the Minnesota Zoo for the annual Spanish Day at the Zoo
- The 9<sup>th</sup> grade class attended a performance of Romeo & Juliet
- The 11<sup>th</sup> grade class attended a performance of Macbeth
- The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders went skiing to build community

### 2. Teachers as Learners

- Assuring High Achievement for All Students
  - i. Beth Keskey attended the MESTA conference and the What Works: Using Tools that Students Love Workshop
  - i. Chris Ovrebo attended the Northfield 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy Institute
- Utilizing Educational Best Practice With All Staff
  - i. Sara Olson, Julie VanLangen, Chris Merrigan, Tricia Wagner, and Chris Ovrebo attended an Implementing Effective Grading Workshop with Tom Guskey
  - ii. Julie Ridenour went on a technology site visit to Minnetonka Schools
- Provide a Safe and Welcoming Atmosphere for Everyone
  - i. Kevin Werk, Jerome Johannes, Rich Powers, and Sara Markham attended the Minnesota Track Coaches Clinic
  - ii. Julie VanLangen attended the National Softball Coaches Clinic

### 3. Jerome Johannes is the High School Teacher of the Month

### 4. Schedule Update

- Student course requests are complete
- Band and choir will be scheduled during separate hours next year
- We are seeking board approval to offer Food Chemistry to satisfy the chemistry graduation requirement at the April meeting (see attached memo)
- Adding a 9<sup>th</sup> grade academy course to help select students transition from middle school to high school
- Adding College Now PreCalculus
- Proposed bell schedule and plans for advisory have been made

5. Spring Parent Conferences

- Spring parent conferences were successful and better attended than the fall conferences (1,152 conferences in the fall and 1,179 conferences in the spring)
- Tuesday night (despite the weather) was the best attendance night
- There were 169 more conferences this spring than last spring
- Thank you to Diane for compiling the data for us – we will be evaluating the different conference formats and see what we want to do next year

6. Developmental College Coursework

Grad. Year	MHS % Taking Developmental College Courses	Statewide % Taking Developmental Courses	MHS Developmental Credits Avg.	Statewide Developmental Credits Avg.
2013	19%	24%	5.67	5.97
2012	30%	27%	4.50	6.16
2011	43%	27%	5.40	6.17

Source: sleds.mn.gov (statewide longitudinal education data system)

7. Close-Up Trip to Washington D.C

- See attached proposal from Mrs. Buendorf and Mrs. Powers to take a group of students on a Washington DC trip through the Close-Up organization in the spring of 2016

Respectfully Submitted,  
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