

Superintendent Report
March 6, 2025

Strategic Planning

We are on the homestretch of the strategic planning process. Performance Fact held meetings with both the Core team and the Instructional team early in February and then followed up with additional planning sessions with the principal team and the Superintendent's Cabinet team. On Friday, March 7th the Core and Instructional teams will meet together and see the initial draft of the North Bend strategic plan. The NBSD Board will have the draft presented to them at the March 20th work session in hopes that the final strategic plan will be adopted on April 3rd at the regular meeting.

Legislative Session

I am attending weekly meetings via Zoom with the Coalition of Oregon School Administrators (COSA) to keep up-to-date on the happenings at the State legislature. Special education funding is one of the main topics being discussed with the hopes that additional funding will come from the State to support our work serving SPED students. Currently we receive additional funding in the form of student "weights" for up to 11% of our SPED students. Bills currently in the legislature would raise that cap and then provide additional funding to fill the gap between the current cap and the new cap once the legislature decides what the new cap will be. Barring any unforeseen hurdles, it looks like the legislature will act on this concept which would be a financial gain in North Bend since we have more than 11% of our students who are on an IEP.

OSAA 3A State Basketball Tournament

Once again we will be hosting the OSAA 3A State Basketball Tournament on March 6th, 7th, and 8th and we are looking forward to a great weekend of basketball. Eight girls teams and eight boys teams from all over the state along with their adoring fans will converge in the area in hopes of winning the championship. I want to thank all of the people in the community that make this such an amazing event. North Bend School District and Coos Bay School District would have a very difficult time making this a great event without all of the volunteers who help as well as our business partners who step up to make this a special experience for the schools and players.

Athletics

Congratulations to Kaylianna Mazzucchi who finished the season as the undefeated state champion in her weight class! We also had several swimmers who placed at Congratulations the OSAA State swimming championships. Our boys team placed just off the podium finishing in fifth place. Our girls basketball team qualified for the 4A State Tournament by beating North Marion in a very close play-in game. They will play Philomath in the first round of the tournament. Unfortunately, our boys team did not qualify for postseason play, finishing with a heartbreaking loss to Cottage Grove on senior night.

By the time we meet again in April, the Spring sports season will be in full swing. Track and field, tennis, softball, baseball, and golf are on tap as well as two newcomers to the OSAA lineup. The OSSA is piloting girls flag football and boys volleyball and it looks like there is enough interest to be able to field those teams here at NBHS.

Spring Break

I also didn't want you to forget that before we meet again our students and staff will get to take their last major break of the school year. The schools will be off from March 24th through March 28th for Spring Break. Only 12 month employees will be on duty during that week but even those staff members have Friday the 28th off as the entire district will be closed. The district office will be open with limited hours since many of our staff will utilize vacation time that week.

Science Textbook Adoption

North Bend will begin our K-12 science textbook adoption process very soon with the expectation that we will bring materials to the Board for adoption in May or June. Even though we are officially adopting texts in all grade levels, our focus will be on grades K-8. Our high school science program is non-traditional (we follow what is termed as the "Beaverton Model") so we will do independent adoptions at that level. Dayna Cahill and Bruce Martin will lead us through that process in the coming weeks.