

**WE EXPECT EXCELLENCE****WE INNOVATE****WE EMBRACE EQUITY****WE COLLABORATE**

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY**POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION**

Tonight, the District recognizes the following individuals for their outstanding achievement and contribution to the Beaverton School District and the community. The following recognitions exemplify the Pillars of Excellence and Innovation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**WE Expect Excellence: School Board Recognition Month**

The Beaverton School District is joining the other 196 school districts throughout Oregon in celebrating "School Board Recognition Month" during January. In the Beaverton School District, we are very fortunate to have seven school board members who are committed to helping *every* student reach their full potential; Chair, Anne Bryan, Vice Chair, Linda Degman and members, Susan Greenberg, LeeAnn Larsen, Eric Simpson, Donna Tyner and Becky Tymchuk do an excellent job of serving the District's students, parents, staff members, and the overall community.

The decisions they face are complex, challenging, and also rewarding. They volunteer countless hours of unpaid time providing the best possible education for more than 40,000 students. Yet school board members are just ordinary citizens with extraordinary dedication to our community's public schools. This month we recognize the vital contributions of these men and women and the crucial role these elected public officials play in the education of our children

In the words of William James, "The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it."

School Board members continually put student achievement at the center of what they do and can engage educators as well as community members as they do it, please join me in recognizing the dedication and hard work of our school board members in preparing today's students for tomorrow's world. Together **WE** are better.

WE Innovate – Daimler Education in Motion Grant – Conestoga Middle School & Beaverton High School

Conestoga Middle School and Beaverton High School are the recipients of the Daimler Education in Motion Grants.

Conestoga Middle School received \$1,200 for their FIRST Lego League Team. This is the first year that Conestoga has had a Lego Robotics team in more than ten years. Both teams, The Golden Puffy Owls and Exploding Gummy Bears, participated in a regional tournament. The Golden Puffy Owls earned The Rising Star Award, which is given to a team comprised of young and/or rookie team members who the judges notice and expect great things from in the future.

Beaverton High School received \$18,100 for their FIRST Robotics Team, \$5,000 of which will be used for the entry fee into the competition. This is the first year that the Beaverton High School team will compete.

"We're thrilled and grateful that Daimler Trucks North America chose to support the BHS "Beavertronics" robotics team in such a generous way. Their support enables us not only to get a great start on our rookie FIRST Robotics FRC season, but also to establish a team that has a greater sustainability. Our team members are thrilled to be able to attend competition this year and can't wait to get started on building our inaugural competition robot," says Heather Meiring, Physics teacher at Beaverton High School.

District Goal: WE empower all students to achieve post-high school success.

The Beaverton School District recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups. It is the policy of the Beaverton School District that there will be no discrimination or harassment of individuals or groups based on race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, marital status, age, veterans' status, genetic information or disability in any educational programs, activities or employment.

For the third consecutive year, Daimler Trucks North America is donating money to schools in Oregon and Southwest Washington to promote education in science, math, engineering, and technology (STEM) through the Daimler Education in Motion campaign. This year, funds will help schools either start a new FIRST team or help existing teams accomplish more to learn how science and engineering can be used to solve problems.

Congratulations, Conestoga Middle School and Beaverton High School!

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the School Board recognize the Beaverton School Board, Conestoga Middle School and Beaverton High School for their contributions to student success.