

Board Report  
Newbridge HS

March 1, 2010

Number of students: 99

I attended a YCEP (ODE Youth Corrections Education Program) meeting in Salem on Friday, February 26. The biggest topic was the news that ODE had recently notified us we will be taking about a \$130,000 dollar budget reduction for both this and next year. This is primarily the result of us no longer receiving state school support funds for graduates or youth over 21. It is compounded by the fact that statewide the number of school age youth in YCEP programs is declining. Declining enrollment statewide means the pot for corrections is getting smaller. **The good news** is that we are able to backfill this year with stimulus dollars. Lisa Cross and I have already met and made adjustments for this year. We will need to look very closely at the second year of the biennium (2010-11).

The topic of school standards is also currently on the top of my agenda at Newbridge. I am happy to report that our accreditation report was approved again this year by the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools. We are scheduled for a visit from an accreditation team on April 1<sup>st</sup>. We are busy organizing all the requested documentation. Our last visit from an accreditation team was over eight years ago.

Last week we had a visit from a team of educators representing the Linn-Benton-Lane ESD and Oak Creek Youth Correctional facility. Oak Creek is now a facility for female's and is about three quarters of our size. They are looking at ways to better organize the program from both an educational and financial perspective. They left with several ideas they want to use in their program.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Fuller