



*Medford 7-12 Schools
School Board Report
November 20, 2023*

- 1) **Conferences:** We held open house style conferences with all teachers in the cafeteria/commons area for conferences on Tuesday night. Teachers returned to their classrooms for conferences on Wednesday morning. Attendance was down again- maybe because there was a jr. high football game etc., but:
2022- Tuesday night- 545 Wed. morn- 105
2023- Tuesday night- 463 Wed. morn- 91
Looking for ideas on how to adapt and make the time dedicated to conferences more meaningful for all.
- 2) **New Inductees to the Medford Honor Society:** Huge congrats to New NHS Members Jackie Cole, Charlie Wendt, Clara Thurnau, John Hora, Ashlin Havumaki, Amanda Bock, Aleah Vogt, Orion Heintz
- 3) **FFA National Convention-** 6 chapter delegates: Ethan Solomon, Aiden Hunt, Ashlin Havumaki, Emma McAdams, Cadence Aldrich, Megan Tegmier. Additionally Medford has 2 American Degree winners: Mikayla Janke and Lynn Larson
- 4) **November Students of the Month:** [Nov. Students of the month](#)
- 5) **MCA/DATA Results-** Mrs. Hansen will be addressing this with more detail in her report. Our Scores for this year were still lower than we would like. High School teachers are aware and we are breaking down the data to examine what is at the root of these scores and how we can adapt to hopefully address and improve them moving forward. We are also comparing this data with what we are seeing in the classroom on daily work and assessments. There is a definite disconnect/discrepancy between the MCA's and what we see in the classroom. We are working to remedy that situation.
- 6) **MTSS/RTI/intervention-** We are in the process of designing and implementing what is referred to as Multi-Tiered Systems and Supports. This replaces what used to be called RTI (Response to Intervention) and adds in behavioral and social emotional pieces so that when we are looking at why a student is struggling we are looking at the whole student through a variety of lenses and then hopefully able to determine the real issue behind their struggles. We are still in the early stages, and there has not been a lot of specific direction from MDE on how to do this, however, we are working with our staff to make sure that all students of concern/at risk are still being addressed while simultaneously working out the kinks in this new process.
- 7) **Staff Professional Development/End of quarter-** End of Quarter 1 was Nov. 9. Teachers met with Angie Ellsworth from the service coop to update skills in de escalation and engagement strategies for the classroom. Angie had a variety of ideas for teachers to help with both academic engagement and behavioral issues in the classroom. Lots of timely and

useful information.

Thanks!
Jen Ford

Providing quality education while preparing our students and community for the future.