
RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY

POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION

Tonight, the Board recognizes the following individuals for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the Beaverton School District and the community.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

School Board Recognition Month - Present School Board Members

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 six current school board members who are committed to helping *every* student reach their full potential; Chair, LeeAnn Larsen, Vice Chair, Sarah Smith, and members Karen Cunningham, Jeff Hicks, Tom Quillin, and Mary VanderWeele 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. These men and women volunteer countless hours of unpaid time providing the best possible education for more than 39,000 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 John F. Kennedy, "Our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education."

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 *all* local school board members in preparing today's students for tomorrow's world.

College & Career Readiness: At Barnes ES the path to college begins in kindergarten – Karen Pérez-Da Silva

Inspired by the Adelante Partnership at the University of Utah, Mrs. Pérez-Da Silva's kindergarten class recently visited Lewis & Clark College where both the students and their parents had the opportunity to participate in a college class and to dream about their futures while learning strategies for change at home and in the District

The Adelante Partnership seeks to raise awareness of higher education opportunities and to increase the expectation of university attendance and success among students, families, and teachers. Specifically, the partnership provides higher educational experience to elementary students by taking them to the university via university visits and science camps, and brings

the university to them by providing opportunities for university students to mentor in classrooms throughout the academic year.

“I know this is just one small step towards getting all of our students to graduation and beyond, but it is my hope that staff, families, and students will dream big together, learn from each other, and plan with communities who are often excluded, to achieve success for all of our students starting at kindergarten. ¡Sí se puede!” Karen Pérez-Da Silva

Beaverton School District Automotive Technology National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) Accreditation – Louise Drow and Claudia Leppert

The Beaverton School District Automotive Technology Program recently received re-certification of their accreditation by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF).

NATEF was founded to develop, encourage, and improve automotive technician education. NATEF examines the structure and resources of training programs and evaluates them against nationally accepted standards of quality. NATEF's precise national standards reflect the skills that students must master to be successful in this field. The NATEF evaluation process ensures that accredited training programs meet or exceed industry-recognized, uniform standards of excellence.

The Automotive Technology Program is a yearlong, college-level option program in the Beaverton School District that offers dual credit through Portland Community College (PCC) in four areas: engine performance, electrical/electronic systems, steering and suspension and breaks.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the School Board recognize School Board Members, Karen Pérez-Da Silva, Louise Drow and Claudia Leppert for their contributions to the School District.