

Newbridge High School Board Report

June 9, 2011

Dear Board Members:

We are preparing to end the year at Newbridge with a Kiwanis student of the quarter luncheon on Wednesday, June 15, and graduation events on Monday, June 20. Graduation events include an all school awards assembly at 1:00 PM, a GED ceremony at 5:00 PM, and a graduation ceremony at 6:30 PM. We have traditionally done the graduation and GED ceremony together, but this year we have split them due to the size of each group. We plan to recognize thirteen graduates and fourteen GED recipients. Board members are invited to attend one or all of these events and should be receiving formal invitations shortly.

Several crucial issues for the Newbridge program are starting to get resolved. We have a definite budget for the first three months of the new biennium plus a commitment from ODE and OYA to provide us with actual contract numbers for the rest of the biennium by the middle of July. Current estimates are looking more positive and the program may be able to maintain all of its current positions. However, we will not know anything for sure until OYA announces its budget reductions and subsequent changes in the number and age of youth that will affect the Rogue Valley youth Correctional Facility. We had several retirements this year, and we are waiting to see if there will be enough money to fill a social studies teaching position and two educational assistant slots.

I am in the process of transitioning Brent Workley into my job at Newbridge High School. We have met several times to discuss budget, scheduling and the nuances of working in a correctional facility. He has also had the opportunity to meet and work with both the current and future office managers. We have almost completed setting the schedule for the summer session. Mr. Workley will need to finalize plans for the regular school year once the budget issue is settled.

Thank you for this most unique opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

David Fuller