

Superintendent Report February 2025

Graduation Rates

On Thursday, January 30th, the Oregon Department of Education released the official graduation rates for the graduating class of 2024. North Bend's four-year cohort graduation rate for 2024 is 88.8% which represents more than a five percent increase from the previous year. It is also seven percent higher than the Oregon state average of 81.8%. Evergreen Virtual Academy's graduation rate for 2024 was 54.6% which is an increase of just over four percent from the class of 2023. Overall, the combined graduation rate for the North Bend School District for the class of 2024 is 72.4% which is nearly seven percent higher than last year's combined total of 65.3%.

I appreciate the tireless efforts of the staff, students, and parents as they kept their "eye on the prize" during the early days of online instruction during the pandemic and then eventually emerging from their home and transitioning back into the school.

Strategic Planning

The final all day series of input sessions for the strategic plan took place on Monday, February 3rd as we begin the final push towards finalizing and then adopting the North Bend strategic plan. On March 7th there will be a two-hour session with the combined Core and Instructional team and in this meeting we will see the true rough draft of the final plan. On March 20th the Board will have a work session to review the plan and then the Board will consider adopting the plan at the April 3rd regular meeting.

Bitty Bulldog Preschool 2.0

We were asked to implement a second classroom of our Bitty Bulldog preschool program so we have been preparing classrooms so we can relocate our North Bay Title I classroom and their ALS classroom. The classroom relocation project is going very well and I want to thank everyone involved in making those changes a reality.

We have come up against a significant challenge that I would like to note. We have not been able to find a qualified applicant to be the teacher in the classroom. We do have plenty of applications for our educational assistants but nobody who meets the qualification standards for teaching the class has applied. If we cannot hire a qualified teacher, we will have to postpone the beginning of the second classroom until next school year.

Athletics

By the time we meet again in March, the regular season for winter sports will be in the books and we will be in the midst of hosting the 3A basketball state championship tournament. We will be hosting the district swim meet once again this year on February 14th and 15th and our

swimmers who qualify for the State meet will compete on February 21st and 22nd at State. Our basketball teams finish their regular season on Tuesday, February 25th and our wrestling team will travel to Henley High School for their regional competition on the 21st and 22nd and the State qualifiers will travel to Portland to compete from February 27th through March 1st.