

**WE EXPECT EXCELLENCE****WE INNOVATE****WE EMBRACE EQUITY****WE COLLABORATE**

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**RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY****POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION**

Tonight, the District recognizes the following individuals for their outstanding achievement and contribution to the Beaverton School District and the community. The following recognitions exemplify the Pillars of Excellence and Collaborate.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:****WE Expect Excellence: Flag of Learning and Liberty – Laurie Lane**

In honor of more than 36 years of dedication to the children of the Beaverton School District, Laurie Lane is being awarded the Flag of Learning and Liberty, which symbolizes the fundamental interdependency of public education and the democratic way of life enjoyed in the United States of America.

Laurie began her career in 1980 as a Counseling Psychologist, and has continued as a school psychologist in several elementary schools in the District, including Chehalem, Rock Creek and Cedar Mill elementary schools. Laurie has worked with the District's Elementary Behavior classrooms since their beginning. She mentors interns and new psychologists and has always been willing to take on new challenges.

"Laurie is, without a doubt, the consummate school psychologist. Her knowledge and work with each student is unparalleled but it is the qualities of compassion, advocacy and thoughtful support to families and staff that separate her practice from most. In addition to the students, families and staff who benefited from her expertise, Laurie's legacy lives in the countless school psychologists and interns she has mentored who carry on these qualities in their own work," says Lenore Johansen, Assistant Director of Special Education.

"It was my great honor to work with Laurie Lane while at Rock Creek Elementary School. Laurie truly embodies the characteristics of this flag. During my time at Rock Creek, Laurie was a constant defender of liberty and justice for every child and every family. She worked tirelessly with teachers, staff, and students to assure successful, equitable outcomes for all her students. Her focus was on learning; learning everything she could about the child, the family, the staff, the classroom, the curriculum, the learning targets. She is tenacious in her expectation that all students can learn when the conditions are met, and we didn't leave a meeting until everyone understood and agreed to the conditions. She is a school psychologist extraordinaire, a counselor, a coach, and a friend to all. Congratulations Laurie," says former Rock Creek Principal, Jared Cordon.

The Flag of Liberty & Learning has become an important reminder to all communities that education serves as a driving force in advancing freedom and liberty in our democratic society. Congratulations, Laurie!

**WE Collaborate: Beaverton School Based Health Center**

Owned by the District and operated by Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center (VGMHC), the Beaverton School Based Health Center (SBHC) allows Beaverton students and staff to receive medical care quickly and conveniently.

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In February 2015, the center expanded to serve students and staff from Southridge High School and Five Oaks Middle School, as well as Cooper Mountain and McKay Elementary Schools. The SBHC now serves students and staff from all over the District. Over the last year and a half, the Center has served more than 1,900 patients from more than 3,300 encounters.

The program has expanded to include four new management positions including one in public health, one in dental, an Oregon Health Authority Trainer and a SBHC Assistant Director. The Dental Sealant Program has expanded as well. In the first year of service, the program served 482 students at six schools. By the end of the 2016-2017 school year, the program will have served 2,000 Beaverton students in 19 schools with a value of \$513,927 in free dental care and education programs that teach proper dental care and eating habits to students in the dental sealant program schools.

Thank you to the Beaverton School Based Health Center for supporting the mental, physical and educational health needs of all students in the Beaverton School District.

**WE Expect Excellence: 1<sup>st</sup> place OMEA State Jazz Championships – Sunset High School**

The Sunset High School Jazz Band recently won 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Inaugural Oregon Music Education Association (OMEA) State Jazz Championships last month, beating out four other bands in the 6A division.

They also won 1<sup>st</sup> place at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual NW Jazz Festival held last month. The festival features high school and middle school big bands and combos.

Congratulations, Sunset High School Jazz Band!

**WE Expect Excellence: 3<sup>rd</sup> place OSAA 6A State Band Championships – Southridge High School Wind Ensemble**

The Southridge High School Wind Ensemble won 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) State Band/Orchestra Competition last month.

The Southridge Wind Ensemble features Southridge High School's most advanced instrumental musicians. Wind Ensemble positions are auditioned in the spring and periodically throughout the year.

Congratulations, Southridge High School Wind Ensemble!

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the School Board recognize Laurie Lane, Beaverton School Based Health Center, Sunset High School Jazz Band and Southridge High School Wind Ensemble for their contributions to student success.