

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

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 Pillar of Excellence.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**WE Expect Excellence: innOVATION STEAM Grant – Highland Park Middle School**

The Ovation Foundation, the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities (PCAH), and Americans for the Arts (AFTA), in cooperation with the Congressional STEAM Caucus, recognized Highland Park Middle School as a recipient of a \$10,000 innOVATION STEAM Grant Award, at a ceremony and reception held at the Cannon House Office Building in Washington, D.C. last month.

The innOVATION STEAM Grant Award program was created to raise awareness of the value of integrating the arts into STEM curricula and to highlight existing K-12 public schools across the country that have developed successful, measurable and replicable STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) programs, which could serve as national models. The innOVATION STEAM Grant Awards Program represents the first funding program of its kind for STEAM education.

Congratulations, Highland Park Middle School.

2015-2016 Civic Educator of the Year – Nance Case

Nance Case, fifth grade teacher at Terra Linda Elementary School, is the 2015-2016 Civic Educator of the Year. Presented by the Classroom Law Project (CLP), the Civic Educator of the Year is awarded to a social studies teacher that has demonstrated best practices in civic education each year.

Nance was selected based on her work with her fifth grade students, her participation in a number of CLP professional development activities and willingness to serve as a mentor teacher to others interested in the We the People Program on the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. Through her leadership, all of the fifth grade students at Terra Linda now participate in simulated congressional hearings testifying before community leaders to demonstrate their learning and passion about our democratic system of government.

Senator Elizabeth Steiner-Hayward also named Nance a Civic Scholar for Senate District 17. Every state legislator is naming two teachers from their legislative district to be Civic Scholars. This is part of a statewide initiative to enhance high quality professional development in civic education for teachers.

Congratulations, Nance.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the School Board recognize Highland Park Middle School and Nance Case for their contributions to student success.

District Goal: All students will show continuous progress toward their personal learning goals, developed in collaboration with teachers and parents, and will be prepared for post-secondary education and career success.

The Beaverton School District recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups. It is the policy of the Beaverton School District that there will be no discrimination or harassment of individuals or groups based on race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, marital status, age, veterans' status, genetic information or disability in any educational programs, activities or employment.