

## Superintendent Report

August 7, 2025

### Un-frozen Funds

In the July Board meeting I announced that the federal government had frozen funds in five different title grants. At the time, I mentioned that only one of those grants might have a noticeable impact on the operations in the District. However, the Trump Administration has now authorized the release of those funds and, as of this moment, there will be no change in the administration of those grant funds in North Bend.

### Fall Sports Begin

August 18th is the official beginning of the OSAA Fall season as coaches are able to work out with their teams to prepare for the upcoming season. Football, Volleyball, Soccer, and Cross Country will start the 2025-2026 school year with a bang starting the weekend of August 28th and 29th.

### Kudos to the Maintenance Department

Mark Koechel and his team are doing a fantastic job of getting the buildings ready for staff and students throughout the District. They have been working on classrooms, hallways, and cafeteria spaces to get the floors ready for the new school year. They have also been making necessary repairs as well. Thank you Mark and the entire staff.

### Administrators Return

Most of our administrators returned to work on July 30th to begin preparations for the new school year. I want to take this opportunity to recognize three new administrators in our ranks. The first isn't new but welcome, Jake Smith, to the principal role at the middle school. Jake will be in his 29th year here in North Bend and we are excited to have him lead the middle school team. Welcome Shane Brown to North Bend High School as their new principal. He brings a wealth of knowledge to the high school and we look forward to his impact on the staff and students. Finally, welcome to Brandon Standridge who makes his debut as the districtwide athletic director. Brandon is highly acclaimed and he will certainly have a positive impact on our athletic programs.

### Inservice Week

Our inservice week begins on August 25th where all of our staff will return for training and preparation for the new school year. There is a calendar change for inservice this year. We will have inservice on August 25th, 26th, and 27th on the week before Labor Day, and then we will have our final inservice day on Tuesday, September 2nd. This means that the school offices will be open on the day before students return to school.

### SPLASH!

Our summer Splash program for incoming kindergarten students will begin on August 14th and will end on the 24th. It is an opportunity for new kindergarten students to get in the classroom,

get some instruction, and have a lot of fun. Thank you to Heather Flammang for organizing the program this summer.