

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Written comments were accepted by online form submission from 12 p.m. on Friday, August 7, 2026 through 12 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2026. The following comments followed all the posted guidelines listed on the form and below.

- Comments are limited to 1,000 characters. One comment per person, comments listed oldest first.
- The board will not hear charges or complaints against any district employee. District staff and board members cannot be named specifically in testimony.

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| Rhonda     | Baggarley | Other Community Member | Sunset Credit Union has had a long-standing relationship with many Beaverton schools by providing Financial Literacy presentations and Financial Reality Fairs. Empowering students with financial knowledge that they can take into their adulthood is our passion. In 2018 we established an In-School/Student run branch at Merlo HS. From 2018-2024 we provided many paid internships for Students, including two who are still on staff at our branch. The interns perform basic teller transactions for fellow students along with sharing additional financial and budgeting tools. Since that time, the BSD has adopted new rules or requirements regarding business partnerships. Student-run credit union branches have successfully operated in schools nationwide within established legal and regulatory frameworks. Our goal is to reinstate this program at Merlo and expand into other interested schools. I will gladly provide additional information or answer any of your questions or concerns. |
| Divya      | Kolar     | Parent/guardian        | For over a decade, BSD Science Olympiad teams have represented Oregon at the National Tournament. From 2022 to 2026, BSD middle schools won every Division B State Championship. This pipeline feeds high school programs like Sunset and Westview, which also became state champions. Eliminating middle school teams jeopardizes this STEM success. BSD cites insurance limitations for restricting middle school overnight travel. Yet, BSD high schools use district-approved travel procedures successfully. Why can a comparable approach not protect middle schoolers? Furthermore, the club lacks broad access only because BSD denies it official school-sponsored status in middle schools. Financially, families fund most travel and fundraising covers logistics. Nearly 100 Stoller and Tumwater students invest hundreds of hours into advanced STEM here annually. Please advocate to preserve this critical opportunity.                                                                            |

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| Ayanendu     | Paul      | Parent/guardian      | Beaverton School District is currently not supporting middle school participation in Science Olympiad, one of the nation's premier STEM competitions. This affects multiple teams at Stoller and Tumwater Middle Schools and numerous middle school students each year. These programs have an extraordinary record: from 2022–2026, BSD schools earned 14 of the 15 top-three finishes at the Oregon Middle School Science Olympiad State Tournament, including the state championship every year. Science Olympiad often helps students discover lasting interests in science, engineering, medicine, and other STEM fields and provides an important foundation for BSD's strong high school Science Olympiad programs. We appreciate the District administration's willingness to meet with volunteer coaches and discuss the challenges involved. We sincerely hope BSD and the coaches can work together to find a path forward that preserves this exceptional opportunity for our students.                              |
| Pavan        | Akkisetty | Parent/guardian      | <p>Science Olympiad is an incredibly valuable program for BSD students because it gives them an opportunity to apply what they learn in science, engineering, math, and technology to challenging real-world problems. It develops critical thinking, teamwork, creativity, perseverance, and hands-on problem-solving skills that are difficult to replicate in a traditional classroom.</p> <p>BSD students have consistently earned awards and strong results at Science Olympiad competitions. Their success demonstrates both the talent of our students and the significant interest in STEM within the BSD community. Continued district support allows these students to represent their schools and BSD at regional, state, and potentially national competitions.</p> <p>Current times show that STEM and technology skills are becoming increasingly important so I strongly encourage BSD to continue supporting Science Olympiad teams and help make these opportunities accessible to all interested students.</p> |
| Sudhprasanna | Padigi    | Parent/guardian      | BSD middle schools have done exceedingly well in State and National Science Olympiad. We strongly support this program and urge the school district to support our teams to register state competition. Parents are more than willing to take care of the financial commitment needed for this competition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| Chethan    | Srinivasa  | Parent/guardian      | <p>Dear Superintendent, Beaverton School District Leadership, and Members of the School Board,</p> <p>We hope this message finds you well.</p> <p>First, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for Beaverton School District's continued commitment to providing high-quality educational opportunities for all students. We are grateful for the dedication of BSD educators, administrators, and staff who work tirelessly to support student success.</p> <p>We recently learned of the decision to discontinue Middle School Science Olympiad across the district. We respectfully ask BSD to reconsider this decision and work collaboratively with families, volunteers, and the Science Olympiad community to identify a sustainable path that allows the program to continue.</p> <p>For more than a decade, BSD has built one of Oregon's strongest middle school Science Olympiad programs. The program has provided students with opportunities to develop scientific knowledge, engineering skills, critical thinking, teamwork, leadership</p> |
| Yamini     | Nimmagadda | Parent/guardian      | <p>Science Olympiad gives BSD students valuable hands-on experience in science, engineering, teamwork, and problem-solving beyond the classroom. BSD students consistently earn awards and achieve strong results, demonstrating the tremendous STEM talent and interest within our community. Continuing BSD's support is important to ensure students have the opportunity to compete, learn, and represent our district at regional, state, and national levels.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Divya      | Padigi     | Parent/guardian      | <p>Sad to know bsd middle schools not sponsoring national science olympiad while they are supporting at high schools. Parents sponsored all activities historically not sure why BSD can't approve the activity now? Happy to explain history...</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Atul       | Shah       | Parent/guardian      | <p>Science Olympiad provides an invaluable competitive platform that transforms STEM from a classroom subject into a collaborative, hands-on passion. By eliminating Science Olympiad for middle school, BSD cuts off vital opportunities for teamwork, critical thinking, and advanced problem-solving during the student's formative years. This program actively prepares BSD middle-school students for future high-demand STEM</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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|            |           |                      | careers and fosters an inclusive academic community where students thrive. Over the years, it has consistently inspired participants to push their boundaries and pursue higher education (high-school & university) in STEM fields. BSD middle-school and high-school teams have consistently represented Oregon at National competitions. Reinvesting in Science Olympiad is a direct investment in our community's and national's STEM future innovators. Please bring back this essential program for middle-school BSD students.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Rajasekhar | Anumula   | Parent/guardian      | Science Olympiad is one of BSD's most successful STEM programs. For more than a decade, BSD middle school students have represented Oregon at the National Tournament, earning medals and national recognition. Students across BSD's 9 middle schools deserve continued access to this opportunity. These students earned the right to compete through hard work and achievement. I respectfully ask the Board to preserve this program and find a path forward for national participation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Chandu     | CP        | Parent/guardian      | Dear Dr. Smith, BSD Leadership, and School Board Members,<br>We respectfully ask BSD to reconsider discontinuing Middle School Science Olympiad. Over decade, BSD schools have been among Oregon's strongest Science Olympiad programs, with BSD teams consistently advancing to state and national competition. At the 2026 Oregon State Tournament, 6 of 14 participating middle school teams were from BSD. Science Olympiad develops critical STEM skills including problem-solving, engineering, teamwork, leadership, and scientific inquiry while serving hundreds of students. Demand remains exceptionally high, with many more students applying than available team spots.<br>The concerns cited regarding travel, cost, and staffing can be addressed through the volunteer-driven model. Parents are willing to continue coaching, fundraising, organizing, and supporting travel logistics, minimizing district burden. It is also the foundation of BSD's successful high school STEM programs. |
| Manish     | Jain      | Parent/guardian      | Science Olympiad is a cornerstone of STEM excellence in BSD! For 10+ years, middle schoolers from across all 9 of our schools have worked tirelessly to represent Oregon at the National Tournament and win national medals. Our students have proven their dedication—now they need the Board's support. I respectfully urge the Board to preserve Science Olympiad and keep the path open for national competition which is getting closed as per latest decision                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| chethan    | srinivasa   | Parent/guardian      | <p>Dear BSD Leadership,</p> <p>We respectfully ask BSD to reconsider the decision to discontinue Middle School Science Olympiad. For more than a decade, BSD has built one of Oregon's strongest Science Olympiad programs, providing students with unique opportunities to develop STEM knowledge, critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership.</p> <p>Middle School Science Olympiad is also an important feeder for BSD's successful high school Science Olympiad and STEM programs. Parent volunteers are committed to coaching, organizing, fundraising, and helping cover program costs. We ask BSD to consider continuing official recognition and insurance support while allowing families to help minimize the financial and administrative burden.</p> <p>Before discontinuing this program, we respectfully request an opportunity to discuss sustainable alternatives. Please review the attached document outlining our concerns and proposed fundraising solutions.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> |
| chundu     | Ragesh      | Parent/guardian      | <p>Families choose Beaverton School District for its strong STEM programs. However, recent budget cuts restricting middle school participation in competitions like Science Olympiad and HOSA threaten student success. Early competition builds national-level high school talent—as demonstrated by Stoller Middle School's winning history. Unlike neighboring districts and states that prioritize STEM, BSD's cuts risk driving families to upcoming private school alternatives- need to know if that is an agenda when parents are willing to pay for all expenses towards these competitions. We need transparency on budget trade-offs and renewed commitment to middle school STEM pathways.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Kaviarasi  | Thangarassu | Parent/guardian      | <p>Stem program- continuation of scioly. It makes the kids to do advance learning and team effort.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Rubi       | Paul        | Parent/guardian      | <p>Middle School Science Olympiad is very important for many middle schoolers. My elder daughter found passion for Biology after attending Science Olympiad in middle school, and now she wants to go to medical field. My younger daughter now wants to participate in Middle School SO. I request BSD to allow Tumwater MS teams to participate in Science Olympiad.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| Aditi      | Venkatesan | Student              | <p>Dear Beaverton School District Board,</p> <p>My name is Aditi Venkatesan, and I'm a junior at Westview HS. I'm writing to ask the board to reconsider bringing the Science Olympiad competition back to BSD middle schools.</p> <p>I attended Stoller MS, where I began Science Olympiad in 6th grade, and I have continued to this day. It has been such an important part of my education. Science Olympiad gave me the opportunity to learn about things I may not have encountered otherwise, develop a genuine interest in a variety of STEM subjects outside the classroom, and build soft skills (like teamwork) that I still use today.</p> <p>Now, while I understand the district's concerns regarding financial and travel restrictions, I hope that the board can work with parents and schools to find a way to reimplement middle school Science Olympiad. I know how much Science Olympiad can mean to students, and I'd love for future (and even current) middle schoolers to have the same opportunity I did. Thank you!</p> |
| Abesolom   | Fidel      | Parent/guardian      | <p>As a BSD parent, I respectfully ask the district to reconsider its decision regarding support for Science Olympiad.</p> <p>Science Olympiad is more than an academic competition—it is one of the most authentic STEM learning experiences available to students. Through months of research, experimentation, engineering, and teamwork, students learn to think critically, solve complex problems, communicate effectively, and persevere through failure. The competition itself is simply the vehicle that motivates this deeper learning.</p> <p>As a parent, I view competition through an educational lens. The true value isn't medals or rankings, but the curiosity, discipline, confidence, and resilience students develop along the way. These experiences prepare them not only for future STEM careers, but for lifelong learning.</p> <p>I understand BSD's concerns regarding liability and hope the district can work with parents to find a solution that preserves this exceptional opportunity for our students.</p>     |

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| Sweta        | S            | Parent/guardian        | BSD to consider participating in Science olympiad. All BSD teams have been really good and nationals worthy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Harshit      | Patni        | Parent/guardian        | Science Olympiad builds teamwork, healthy competition, and hands-on problem solving all at once—challenges across a team, learning to rely on each other and apply science the way real STEM careers do. It's a rare space a regular classroom can't replicate, and discontinuing it takes that away. It does not foster innovation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Sujatha      | Sridaran     | Parent/guardian        | Can BSD please make changes to its policy to support Science Olympiad? It appears that BSD is not interested in promoting Science outside of classroom. More experience kids get, better prepared they will be for the outside world. Since BSD teams are ones typically the best and selected to go to Nationals, pulling support is very discouraging and sends a bad message to the kids.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Priyanka     | Katta        | Parent/guardian        | Science Olympiad is very useful for kids to explore and study in depth. Please support science Olympiad                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| May Ling     | Oh           | Parent/guardian        | Support Middle School Science Olympiad in Beaverton School District. I am writing as a BSD parent to ask for your support in preserving middle school Science Olympiad opportunities in the BSD. As a parent, I see Science Olympiad is much more than a competition. It gives students the chance to explore science and engineering through hands-on learning, teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving. It challenges students to develop both breadth and depth knowledge across wide range of STEM disciplines, outside the school curriculum. I would sincerely appreciate for BSD district leaders and volunteer coaches to discuss and explore possible solutions to support this Science Olympiad for the students. Together, we can help ensure our future generations (students) have the opportunity to experience the curiosity, challenge, and excitement that Science Olympiad provides. Thank you! |
| Rajeev Kumar | Dokania      | Other Community Member | Want BSF to support science olympiad teams. The community is better with hard working students from BSD, and would be a tragic to see the champion teams of oregon, not being able to participate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Sunil        | Muralidharan | Parent/guardian        | With the current curriculum . Kids do not get enough exposure to stem curriculum. Science Olympiad is an excellent opportunity for kids to focus on topics , develop interest and advance their learning . The team work and time spent to prepare forms an excellent prep material for kids . Beyond just preparing for topics , kids learn time management, team work and independent planning . I would like my kid to have this opportunity to                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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|            |           |                      | participate in these programs. I would hope and trust that BSD sees the potential in this program and supports the student !                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Michelle   | Groce     | Parent/guardian      | I recently heard that BSD is considering whether to continue supporting Science Olympiad. This floored me and I am writing to urge the district to continue facilitating student participation in this great extracurricular opportunity. I appreciate that there are budget concerns the district is dealing with, but cutting Science Olympiad support has to be a very minimal cost saving in exchange for giving up a formative educational experience for many students throughout the district. Science Olympiad helps students by building excitement and enthusiasm for science, developing community with other students who share their interests, and of course teaching actual science knowledge and practices in a way that can go deeper and be more engaging than typical classroom work. My own elementary-age children are looking forward to the chance to participate in Science Olympiad in middle and high school. Please preserve this opportunity for them and for their peers! |
| Joseph     | Nordstrom | Parent/guardian      | The board has many funding demands but it is my hope that Science Olympiad is a priority. Thank you.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |