



*Medford 7-12 Schools
School Board Report
March 18, 2025*

- 1) **Site Team:** Discussion surrounding whether to change the policy regarding food and beverages in classrooms. Decided to maintain status quo at least for this year.
- 2) **Feb. Students of the Month:** [Feb. Medford students of the month](#)
- 3) **Conferences and Tiger Night-** Our first conference night was fairly typical of what we have seen in recent years. Numbers were not spectacular, and completely died out by 7pm. Tiger night, was considered a great success. Many lessons learned but overall we had a great turnout and teachers were really excited to see all the great things happening in each others classrooms. Many ideas to improve and make it even better moving forward. Don't have an exact count, but there were 200 programs printed and we ran out- so for our first time it went well.
- 4) **MCA/ACT/ etc. testing approaching:** - we are gearing up for that time of year again. We have decided to try to hold a lyceum presentation for students not testing on the first day (April 15th) during a 2 hour late start schedule. Then have a regular schedule for the math testing dates and complete that during regularly scheduled math classes. This is because students typically need more than an hour to complete the Reading MCA. Science MCA is the beginning of May and will also be during normal class periods.
- 5) **April 7th- "My Accession" documentary and panel discussion.** This program chronicles a young woman's struggle with an unsuccessful suicide attempt and her road to recovery. It is followed by a live panel discussion that discusses the issues of teen mental health, suicide awareness, and what we can all do if we or someone we know is struggling with these thoughts. Mental health professionals will also be available during and after the presentation to assist any students who may need some additional support. A press release and opt out form will also be available.
- 6) **March 28th Teacher PD and workday-** Para's and teaching staff will be working with Annette Duncan from United Way. She will be certifying all staff in Youth Mental Health First Aid- this program helps people to identify the signs and start the conversations to assist students who may be struggling to get the help they need. This is being provided free to staff by United Way. It will allow us to then use the youth resources and educational materials in our middle school and 9th grade health classes.

Thanks!
Jen Ford

Providing quality education while preparing our students and community for the future.