

Good Evening Board Chair Dr. Perez, Superintendent Balderas & members of the board.  
I want to say hello and welcome to Melissa, Justice & Tammy.

For those that don't know me, I am Kyrsti Sackman- are you thirsty? I am Kyrsti. I am a para II and the OSEA Union President Elect. I am happy to be sitting in front of you as we are 2 days into our new school year.

I first want to say HELLO and WELCOME to our new **OSEA Field Rep and Organizer, Teresa- she has taken over Justin's role and has jumped in & we are grateful for her joining our BSD team and the welcome she has been receiving from our district partners.**

Our board has a simple message of gratitude  
**"We are very grateful for the positive partnership and support in which the true winners are the students and families we serve and support"**

I would like to add on to this message by saying...  
**We continue to grow our partnership, relationships & collective problem solving with BSD Management and it continues to shine lights and solve issues for so many different classified positions.**

We are appreciative of the team lunches and meetings we have had with leadership and BEA.

We are thankful for the sharing of information, as things change & for the flexibility to problem solve as a team, as things continue to come to light.

We are very excited about the new addition to SPED, in the role of "PARA II Rover" I am thankful to have been asked to be one of the first staff on the team & be able to provide support in our classrooms & for our building teams.

We are all in this together & this show of solidarity from BSD to create this position and roll it out, is something really special and we appreciate it.

Tomorrow we have an opportunity for our AFT National Team to come to a Beaverton School, to do a site visit and to glorify all the amazing work our buildings do, but specifically the critical part that ALL CLASSIFIED staff play in the success of each student each day in our schools.

We are looking forward to this new school year and all the amazing moments and wins we will have! As well as looking forward to working together to collectively support our staff and students as we navigate the ever changing world around us.