
RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY

POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION

Tonight, the District recognizes the following individuals for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the Beaverton School District and the community. The following recognitions are an example of WE Innovate and WE Expect Excellence, two of the four Pillars of Learning.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

WE Innovate: Science Stars After-School Program – Christopher Younkings

Christopher Younkings, a senior at Westview High School, created a weekly after-school science enrichment program that is helping kids at six elementary schools develop the basic science inquiry skills to be successful in high school.

Working with a District science specialist, Susan Holveck, Christopher spent many months developing curriculum for after-school science lessons for elementary students, along with a plan to introduce it into numerous schools. Christopher's "Science Stars" program has given approximately 250 grade-school children what they need to become enthusiastic, successful science students.

Christopher has also been selected as one of two of Oregon's top High School volunteers in the 2014 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism.

Congratulations, Christopher and thank you for your dedication to excellence and innovation to support students in the Beaverton School District.

WE Expect Excellence: Teaching & Learning, Human Resources & Business Office collaboration on allocating additional local option levy funds – Maureen Callahan, Sue Robertson, Claire Hertz

The Beaverton School District received nearly \$3 million more in local option revenue than the original projected amount of \$15 million. This was due to the actual tax collections received from November to mid-December 2013, an improving economy and increased property values.

Teams from Teaching & Learning, Human Resources and Business Departments worked collaboratively with principals to identify teaching areas to be addressed with these additional local option funds. The funds were deployed in late January to reduce larger class sizes and increase student achievement. The process involved reviewing current class size and achievement data. Every school benefited from these additional funds.

Special recognition to the following employees:

- **Teaching & Learning** – Maureen Callahan, Vicki Lukich, Barbara Evans, Brenda Lewis and Jon Bridges
- **Human Resources** – Sue Robertson, Susan Rodriguez, Cheri Martin, and Kelli Aimi
- **Business Office** – Claire Hertz, Jason Guchereau, Gayellyn Jacobson, Jessica Jones, and Pam Leeding

This is another opportunity for all schools to prepare students to be college and career ready, and to meet the different needs of all students. We are grateful to our supportive and generous community as **WE** work together to help every student succeed.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the School Board recognize Christopher Younkins, the Teaching & Learning, Human Resources and Business departments for their contributions to student success.