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**RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY****POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION**

Tonight, the District recognizes the following individuals for their outstanding achievement and contribution to the Beaverton School District and the community. The following recognitions exemplify the Pillar of Excellence and Collaboration.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:****WE Expect Excellence: Successful Construction of Three Schools in Three Years – Megan Finch, Construction Project Manager**

Megan successfully opened William Walker Elementary School this fall, on time and under budget. This follows opening Hazeldale Elementary School in 2018, and Vose Elementary School in 2017 – also on time and under budget.

Here is what a few people have said about Megan:

**Aaron Boyle, Administrator for Facilities Development:** “Construction of a new school is a tremendous undertaking, but to do it three times in three years is unprecedented. Megan delivered all three projects on-time and under budget. These three schools represent more than \$100M worth of work and approximately 350,000 labor-hours. Megan managed all of this while maintaining great relationships and a high level of customer service.”

**Veronica Galvan, Stoller MS Principal (former Vose ES Principal):** “Megan helped guide and calm me through the entire rebuilding process for Vose. Many times, I looked to her for answers and explanations in what at times seemed like an overwhelming experience. She understood my perspective and expertly juggled the many hats she had to wear in being held accountable to different stakeholders. She was a partner and advocate through the entire process. It was a true pleasure working with and learning from Megan.”

**Angela Tran, Hazeldale Elementary School Principal:** “The only thing that would make me want to go through moving a school twice and moving into a new one again would be with Megan Finch. Megan had incredible technical knowledge that was invaluable, but she also had an incredible gift of listening with a heart to serve. She seems to have a memory like an elephant, forgetting no tiny detail. Megan was thorough, professional, knowledgeable and talented. But it was her servant heart that truly cared about building a facility that worked for the community, for kids, that stands out the most. I believe her leadership spread among her team as the entire facilities team mirrored these attributes.”

**Melissa Murray, William Walker Elementary School Principal:** “Megan is amazing! During the construction process, Megan has been very organized, informative, and excellent with her communication skills. My team was very well informed as to what was expected for our move out as well as our move in. This really helped alleviate the stress for many of our staff members. Megan has also been very responsive to any and all of our needs. For example; late in our construction process, we learned that our campus would be receiving a preschool and a special education program which has students with a variety of medical needs. As a result of this new information, Megan was extremely helpful making the changes that needed to be done in order to accommodate our new needs. We were very lucky to have such an outstanding project manager on our team.”

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Congratulations, Megan and thank you for your dedication to the students and families of the Beaverton School District.

**WE Expect Excellence: Successful passing of the Student Success Act – Senator Mark Hass**

Senator Hass has been a champion for schools from the moment he set foot in the halls of the Oregon State Capitol in 2001. Senator Hass has represented Beaverton and Washington County as both a State Representative and a State Senator. His reputation for excellence and innovation in the Capitol has put him in a position to be a leader in the state on tax policy and revenue. This leadership and lifetime of service culminated in the 2019 Legislative Session when Senator Hass played a pivotal role in ensuring the passage of the Student Success Act (SSA). As Chair of the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee, Senator Hass almost single-handedly marshalled through the revenue component of the SSA. Without his leadership and determination, the measure would have been an empty promise. Instead it is the first major reinvestment in education in Oregon in more than 30 years.

Senator Hass, however, is not new to education policy. During his time in the Legislature he championed passage of two other notable initiatives. The Senator pushed through the Oregon Promise program providing most high school graduates a guarantee of two years of free community college. This legislation is key to creating a college-going culture for families for whom this might not have been an option before. Senator Hass was also the key driver behind the implementation of full-day kindergarten. The first school year after that measure passed, Senator Hass hosted the Governor on the first day of school at Nancy Ryles Elementary. Nancy Ryles is of course named for a former State Senator (and Beaverton School Board member) that pushed through the original legislation creating half-day kindergarten. It also happened to be where his kids went to school.

We would be remiss if we didn't also note that Senator Hass' better half, Tamra, is one of our very own, serving the students of Beaverton as a speech pathologist. While his oldest child is off to college, Senator Hass still maintains his roots in BSD with his son Sam who is currently attending Highland Park Middle School.

Senator Hass has been and continues to be a champion for education and for Beaverton. We have been honored to have him representing us for all these years. But tonight, we honor him for his dedication and work as a Champion for Kids and thank him for ensuring the passage of the Student Success Act.

Thank you, Senator Hass.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the School Board recognize Megan Finch and Senator Mark Hass.

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