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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 exemplify the Pillars Excellence and Collaboration.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**WE Expect Excellence: Oregon Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year – Greg Lukshaitis**

The Oregon Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE) recently named Greg Lukshaitis the Oregon Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year.

Nine of Greg's colleagues and one former student wrote letters of support for Greg. Monica Simon, Adapted Physical Education Specialist wrote: "Greg makes all students successful in his class by offering tailored lessons to reach the current needs of each student, several options for modification, and good communication skills with students and staff. He connects with students who always call him by name "Mr. Luke". The goals Greg writes for his students are addressing specific areas of focus and are connected to the state and national physical education standards."

A former student of Greg's, Luke Brown wrote: "The qualities that make Greg such a special teacher is that he carefully understood the necessary steps needed to provide a learning experience in which I could wholeheartedly participate. He was understated, extremely observant, considerate and creative when designing my learning opportunities."

Greg is now in the running for the Northwest District Adapted PE Teacher of the Year. Congratulations, Greg and good luck.

WE Collaborate: Southridge High School Community Plaza

"Fallen Heroes – Making the Ultimate Sacrifice." Those are the words on the wall of the Southridge High School Community Plaza. Also on that wall, a quote from Pfc. Andrew Keller. The Southridge High School graduate was killed in Afghanistan during "Operation Enduring Freedom" in 2012.

"The finished project speaks for itself," says Southridge High School Athletic Director Bryan Sorenson. The \$900,000 plaza, dedicated in September, was funded entirely through donated services and dollars. It includes restrooms, a concession stand and walls of honor and leadership for students and staff from Southridge High School.

Volunteers worked tirelessly after hours and on weekends. Parents, working in the construction industry, donated their services, materials and helped get others on board.

Sorenson adds, "It has created an atmosphere our students can now enjoy and be proud of for years to come."

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the School Board recognize Greg Lukshaitis and the Southridge Community Plaza team for their contributions to student success.

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