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Dear Three Rivers School Board,

I hope this Board Report finds you in good spirits and energized about the work you are doing as a School Board. Here at Lorna Byrne Middle School, we are excited and motivated when it comes to student learning and education! Here are some of the exciting things we have going:

This fall, we opened our school doors with a lot of new teachers. We welcomed Chesney Davey as our new 8th grade language arts and social studies teacher; James Nelson is our 6th grade and math academic support teacher; Mike Wessner our new multi-handicap teacher; and Chris Jelderks our new Dean of Students. We welcome each of these individuals and are very impressed with the skills and abilities they bring to the table.

In October, the Oregon Department of Education named Lorna Byrne Middle School as a Level 5: Model School. Only four middle schools were identified as Model Schools within Oregon, with LBMS being the only middle school in all of Southern Oregon. Academically, Lorna Byrne ranks in the top 5% of all middle schools in the State of Oregon, in terms of individual student growth, as measured by the Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills. We pride ourselves in our ability to grow our students by expanding their educational experiences with the purpose of enhancing the foundational knowledge and skills necessary to be successful in high school. This is an incredible honor as our families, students, teachers, and support staff has worked extremely hard to meet each student at their level when it comes to academics while continuing to push and challenge students to reach new heights.

We have recently partnered with Dutch Brothers to help support our academic programs afterschool. Through our 21st Century program, if a student attends afterschool Homework Help House, before or after school tutoring, or an afterschool Extended Learning Opportunity, they will receive a punch on their 21st Century card. Once the student has attended ten times, they can redeem the card for a free Dutch Brothers drink card. If students and families would prefer, they can redeem their completed punch card for t-shirts, books, school supplies, or other fun items in our office.

Lorna Byrne Middle School has continued our Extended Learning Opportunities that we implemented last school year. Students receive targeted interventions for their core academic classes for 30-minutes Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. During this time, students are also able to make up assessments, receive tutoring, read novels, and work to improve their performance on content standards.

This October, we started an Enrichment Friday program where all students will get to participate in an assigned enrichment program. Enrichment classes we offer are: art, drama, origami, career information system, current events, games with a focus on sportsmanship and how to work through conflict, Life101 where students focus on self-esteem and diffusing drama, problem solving through hands-on projects, and drumming. Each class meets once a week on Friday for 30-minutes during a four week cycle. At the end of the four weeks, students rotate as a group to a new enrichment opportunity.

Our current school year also marks the second year Lorna Byrne Middle School has fully implemented the Common Core State Standards in the area of math and reading in addition to Proficiency Based Learning. It is fair to say that our students are adjusting nicely to the transition and the work teachers have done over the past two years in these areas is paying off. Student learning and engagement has improved over the past two years and our test scores are a testament to this fact.

Outside of academics, our fall sports season just wrapped up. We had a record number of athletes wanting to participate in sports this year, which meant we had to order additional uniforms! What a wonderful position to be in! Lorna Byrne is very proud of our football and volleyball teams as they were all extremely competitive with each of our opponents.

As we look to the rest of this school year, we are working to improve our attendance percentages. Last year we ended the year with an attendance rate of over 93%, which was an increase of over 1% from the previous year. Our goal this year is to maintain our high attendance standards and be proactive with our students about attending school regularly. We hope that our efforts will pay off.

Currently, we are reviewing our School Improvement Plans (SIP). This process is being completed through an online database called Indistar. The indicators for the SIP were reviewed and assessed with the Site Council, Classified, and Certified staff. Together we identified what is working well and what we would like to improve with Lorna Byrne. In addition, we reviewed data from the past three years to identify our academic trends and areas of weakness for our students. For our current school year, Lorna Byrne Middle School will be working on:

- **DSC1.1**: The school's principal and staff will work together to create a safe, respectful, and culturally-inclusive environment with consistent school rules and expectations.
- **DSC1.3**: The school's leadership will plan for and implement professional development preparing teachers to support parents in the education of their children by providing in-class opportunities and at-home opportunities for parents.
- **EE2.1**: All instructional staff at the school will collaboratively plan for sound instruction in a variety of instructional modes.
- **FC3.3**: The school's key document (minimally, the school's improvement plan, parent involvement plan, compact, and student/parents handbook) will be annually reviewed for revision and disseminate to all families in the school and translated as needed.
- **TI4.4**: All instructional staff at the school will use assessment data in planning and delivering differentiated, standards based instruction.

In closing, we are very excited about the work we are doing with our students on a daily basis. Everyone at Lorna Byrne Middle School truly cares and is working hard to improve the lives of our students. If you have any questions or would like to visit, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Respectfully,



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