



*Medford 7-12 Schools
School Board Report
February 18, 2025*

- 1) **Site Team:** Discussed proposed MTSS schedule for next year- specifically the changes to advisory that we are considering for feedback.
- 2) **Jan. Students of the Month:** [January Medford Students of the Month](#)
- 3) **First half of the year is complete!** We are just starting the process of looking at possible offerings for next year. Teachers have presented a variety of ideas including an AI education class to teach how to use it ethically and appropriately as well as some additional band offerings and a possible intro to education class. We will know more about interest levels and what classes are likely to be on the schedule by the end of March.
- 4) **Snow Week:** Was just completed. Successful week.
- 5) **Robotics Team Places** 10th of 26 teams at the State qualifier tournament. They are young 6th and 7th graders so there is great hope for the future.
- 6) **Theatre Club and TED Club-** staff are working to bring some new activities to students. Mx Schmidt and a few others are gearing up to start a theatre club in the hopes of resurrecting those programs once again here at Medford and Breana Scheer has approached me with a proposal to start some groups working on presentations/public speaking including speech and TED ED.
- 7) **Change the Outcome: Feb. 7th-** Students took part in this program which aims to address critical issues surrounding substance abuse and prevention. It includes some pre-programing, a documentary screening that covers various substances that are abused and then three separate panel discussion (break out groups for 7-8th grade, 9-12th) Panel presenters shared some of their personal stories/experiences and then important facts about various substances, how to access help, and recovery.
- 8) **MASSP Convention-** Lots of great information. Looking into some possible supplemental math materials that provide real world examples/applications and link it to career exploration. Also had the opportunity to share information about our cell phone policy and the benefits that we have noticed as well as some of the hurdles we still face.
- 9) **Feb. 25th-** students in 7-9th grade will be participating in some interactive discussions around the idea of self-concept/self-esteem and how that relates to the way they treat and joke around with each other both appropriately and inappropriately- more specifically as it relates to race, ethnicity, and other factors that students have no control over.
- 10) **Feb. 25th-** Mrs Routh will be attending a free seminar on how to improve school culture and identity to increase belonging and success with students. I'm excited to see what she is able to bring back and share with us.
- 11) **Conferences and Tiger Night-** as you have probably seen we are gearing up for conferences at the end of the month and Tiger night on March 6th. Conferences will be traditional on Feb. 27th with teachers in the cafeteria and parents able to sit down in the typical fashion. On Mar. 6th we are trying something different and have asked teachers, coaches, club leaders to showcase all of the great things students are doing here at Medford. So there will be a variety of displays, performances, and activities for students and parents to see and be a part of. Additionally, teachers will be available to conference with parents and rooms will be set aside if needed so parents can ask any questions they may have about how students are doing. The goal is to get people in the building and showcase the wonderful

things are students are capable of doing. This will run from 4-7:30 PM and they are hoping to provide a meal for sale as well.

Thanks!
Jen Ford

Providing quality education while preparing our students and community for the future.