

November 2019

SOUTH UMPQUA SCHOOL DISTRICT

CONNECTIONS

Community Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



South Umpqua School District has many exciting things to celebrate this month. November is a busy time in our schools and this year is no exception!

With the first grading period coming to an end, teachers and students are digging into projects and preparing for parent-teacher conferences at the end of the month. Fall sports and activities are wrapping up, and winter sports and activities are beginning. Our students are busy reading, writing, researching, solving problems and applying their new learning to a variety of classroom projects. School staff are working hard to build connections with each and every student, and to plan exciting and engaging lessons!

Additional funding is coming our way! The Student Success Act will provide districts with funding to reduce class sizes, create a well-rounded education, increase instructional time, and improve health and safety. We are preparing for a series of Community Town Hall Sessions in November to gather input on how best to spend those funds. We hope to see you at an event!

Additionally, state school report cards have been released and show growth in many areas, particularly English Language Arts (ELA). Although we still have a lot of work to do, we are pleased to share that our students are near or above the state average in most ELA categories. Our areas of focus this year will be increasing mathematics outcomes at all grade levels, increasing attendance, and increasing our graduation rates.

We are grateful and honored to serve the children and families of South Umpqua, and appreciate the incredible and ongoing support of the community!

Sincerely,
Kate McLaughlin



STUDENT SUCCESS ACT

COMMUNITY TOWN HALL SESSIONS

Please Join Us!

Tuesday, Nov. 12th, 6:00 PM

Myrtle Creek Elementary

- or -

Wednesday, Nov. 13th, 6:00 PM

Tri-City Elementary

- or -

Thursday, Nov. 14th, 6:00 PM

Canyonville School

Oregon's **Student Success Act** is a new law that provides an unprecedented opportunity to reinvest in our students and our schools. We need your input on how best to invest this new funding to help:

Increase Academic Achievement

Reduce Disparities Among Student Groups

Meet Students' Behavioral or Mental Health Needs

This fall we are reaching out to hear from our community, and we need all voices in the conversation. We value your experience and your insights. Please lend your voice to planning for our students' future success! Childcare and light refreshments will be provided at each session.



School Board Goals

Each year the School Board sets overarching goals for the district. Our Board goals this year are:

Academic Achievement

Communication

Equitable Access and Opportunity

Fiscal Responsibility

The district Continuous Improvement Plan and each School Improvement Plan include goals that align with the School Board goals. This year, the district and school improvement plans focus on mathematics, attendance, and graduation rates. The district plan will be posted on the district website, and school plans will be available on each of the school websites in December, after approval by the Oregon Department of Education.

Mary Becherer

South Umpqua School District
Community Partner of the Month - October
Thank you, Mary!



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South Umpqua School District #19



Facilities Advisory Committee

The School Board has appointed a Facilities Advisory Committee to review the Facilities Master Plan and needs assessment, determine priorities, and make recommendations to the School Board regarding district facility maintenance, upgrades, and/or replacement, as well as funding options.

Committee members represent each of the three cities in the South Umpqua School District -- Myrtle Creek, Tri-City, and Canyonville. All meetings are open to the public.

Next meeting: November 20th, 6:15 PM at the District Office, Portable A.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 6th, School Board Business Meeting, 6:00PM, District Office, Portable A

Nov. 12th, Community Town Hall, 6:00PM, Myrtle Creek Elementary

Nov. 13th, Community Town Hall, 6:00PM, Tri-City Elementary

Nov. 14th, Community Town Hall, 6:00PM, Canyonville School

Nov. 20th, Facility Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:15PM, District Office, Portable A

Dec. 4th, School Board Business Meeting, 6:00PM, District Office, Portable A

Dec. 11th, Facility Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:15PM, District Office, Portable A

Dec. 18th, School Board Work Session, 6:00PM, District Office, Portable A

Middle & High Schools, **Nov. 1st** - No School (grades 6-12)

Veteran's Day, **Nov. 11th** - No School

Elementary Schools, **Nov. 15th** - No School (grades K-5)

Conferences, **Nov. 25-26th** - No School

(Check with your child's school for specific schedules)

Thanksgiving Break, **Nov. 27-29th** - No School

Winter Break, **Dec. 23rd - Jan. 3rd**