



Supt. Report

School Board Meeting - Nov. 25

Davenport Middle / Davenport High – 2019 National Blue Ribbon Award Recipient

Only four schools in our entire state were selected in 2019 for this national award program---Wow!

It was an honor and a privilege to recently attend the 2019 National Blue Ribbons School Award Ceremony & Conference with Mr. Prewitt and Mrs. VP. Travel costs are being covered by a grant from OSPI. During the conference, we heard from Rodney Robinson, the 2019 National Teacher of the Year and Erin Gruwell, the teacher who inspired the film “Freedom Writers. Mrs. VanPevenage will be making a presentation to you during the board meeting about “Blue Ribbon Week”!



Lady Gorillas: State Soccer Champs!

Wow! What a season!



Transitional Kindergarten (Early K)

Funding is now being provided to school districts who offer a “transitional kindergarten” program for children who are not yet five years old but need additional preparation to be successful in kindergarten the following year. You may recall that we had an “Early K” program in place during the second half of the 2017-18 school year. We are going to participate in a webinar that OSPI is hosting on Dec. 5 and we plan on pursuing this additional funding once again! Click on the following link for more information:

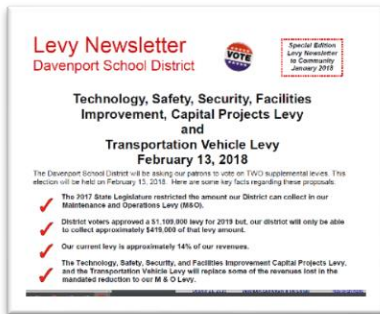


<https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/support-programs/early-learning-washington-state/state-funded-full-day-kindergarten/transitional-kindergarten>

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Enrichment Levy, Capital Projects Levy, & Transportation Vehicle Levy

Mrs. Oliver and I will provide additional information regarding our upcoming levies.. The deadline for the February 2020 special election resolutions to be submitted to the Lincoln County Auditor's Office is December 13. I've attached a copy of our levy newsletter that was mailed in January 2018 for your reference as we begin our discussions and planning.

Update: Facility Grants – Good News and Not So Good News

Good News: we received the **planning grant** for our grant proposal to put a new HVAC system in the high school gym and to replace our high school boilers.

Not So Good News: We were not awarded a CTE equipment grant ---we had applied for this grant to assist with work needing to be completed inside our construction trades building. We are actively pursuing other grant opportunities.

Graduation Pathways:

The State Board of Education has formally adopted their graduation pathway rules. These rules take effect this school year! Please refer to page 2 of the OSPI handout that is posted on the webpacket for more information.




Legislative Update/Preview:

During the WSSDA Conference, I attend a legislative update session featuring Senators Lisa Wellman and Mark Mullet. It appears as though the upcoming legislative session will be primarily focused on how our lawmakers will deal with budget shortfalls in the transportation budget as a result of the recent vehicle license tab initiative. I've attached a copy of a one-page handout that Cal Brodie (Chief Financial Officer at ESD 113) & I presented during a breakout session at the conference.

Hold-Harmless Discussions – WSSDA Conference Small School Forum - Nov. 23, 2019

Jim Kowalkowski & Cal Brodie

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- **Post McCleary: “~~Houston~~ Olympia, we have a problem!**
 - Reduction in local levies
 - Reduction in LEA funding
 - Loss of SAM/Staff Mix
 - Much of the new money went for regionalization & experience factor—limited number of districts...many more losers than winners.
 - **WASA – Work group formed with a focus on a “short-term bridge” to a “future legislative funding fix”:**

Proposed Solutions:

- Recommended assistance to 115 school districts
- Also recommended expanding the “experience factor” criteria by 15%...would have provided additional funding to 52 additional districts

Challenges:

- “You guys are not being honest...” we don’t trust your numbers.”
- “We just passed huge increases in K-12 funding...you guys will never be satisfied.”

Champions:

- WASA, WSSDA, WASBO, ESD’s & REC (Rural Ed. Center)
- Gavin Hottman & Tom Fleming
- Rep. Mike Steele

- **HB 2163 passed by 2019 Legislature**
 - \$42.6 million hold harmless funding allocated for 19-20 (83 districts)
 - \$11..8 million for 20-21 (only 15 districts)
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- **“Moving Parts” Five Important Things to Pay Attention to Your District**
 - Hold Harmless
 - Salary funding for:
 - Regionalization
 - Experience 1.04%
 - Levy/ LEA Proposals
 - Overall inequity.

Creating and maintaining working/resource relationships with Superintendents.

- **“Tell Your Story”**
 - By the numbers- handouts- Davenport & Colfax Examples