

# A Message from Maxwell

An update from Pullman Public Schools Superintendent Bob Maxwell



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## ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Dear Pullman Public Schools Families,

I can't believe we are several weeks into the 2019-2020 school year! To our new families - we're so glad you're here! We hope you love Pullman and our schools. To our returning families, welcome back!

Getting prepared for a new school year, and opening a new school is a whirlwind, and I'm so proud of the hard work and patience I've seen across our district. We are thrilled to have beautiful Kamiak Elementary open and serving our students and community. In August we hosted an opening ceremony - it was a moving event, and I'm so grateful to our community for their constant, generous support of our schools. Kamiak is an outstanding learning space and a physical testament to Pullman's values.

In just a few weeks I have visited many classrooms and have seen great things happening in our schools! I'm looking forward to a new school year and the hope and opportunities it presents. We have big things planned for this year - look for some great events and initiatives in the coming months!

I hope you take a moment to welcome our new staff members, and the new families to join our district!

Sincerely,  
Bob Maxwell, Superintendent

## 2019-2020 FOCUS: K-4 LITERACY

A review of our data indicates the need for more attention and support for our K-4th grade students in the area of literacy. As a result, one of our key initiatives this year will focus on literacy. More training and resources will be provided to help our staff assist student literacy growth.



# 2020 BOND & LEVY

On Wednesday, September 11th, the Pullman School District Board of Directors approved three resolutions, that will lead to three separate items on the February 11, 2020 election ballot.

For voter consideration:

- A four-year enrichment levy, (replacement levy, previously known as maintenance and operations levy), \$5.3 million per year
- A four-year technology levy, (replacement levy), \$200,000 per year
- A 20-year bond in the amount of \$15 million, to fund the renovation and expansion of Lincoln Middle School and fund cooling system additions (HVAC upgrades) to Franklin, Jefferson, and Sunnyside Elementary Schools. The amount and terms of this bond were recommended to the board by the Capital Projects Advisory Committee, a team made up of community members and LMS staff representatives. The current LMS bond will expire in December 2020.

We will be sharing more information in the coming months, and we will provide informational presentations at staff meetings and PTA/PTO/Booster meetings at each school.

Opportunity to learn more:

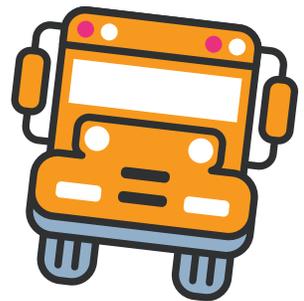
- Bond + Levy Informational Presentation: October 15, 6:30pm in LMS Library

For more information about the Capital Projects Advisory Committee, see our website.

We're in the process of developing detailed communications regarding the levies and bond. If you have a question or suggestion, please send them to [sfocht@psd267.org](mailto:sfocht@psd267.org). This will help us to compile an FAQ and to create communications that are helpful to you and to our community.

## FACILITIES UPDATE: TRANSPORTATION COOPERATIVE

For several years we have been planning this exciting project! We have partnered with several neighboring school districts to develop a transportation maintenance cooperative. The new facility will be built in Pullman (just north of town), and will serve as our bus garage and a regional bus maintenance facility.



We purchased the land in 2018 using district funds saved over the years, for this purpose. In addition, the state will fund approximately 90% of this project as part of a transportation cooperative grant available to us. The remainder of the project cost will be paid for from existing district savings - no bond will be requested for this project!

We are currently in the design phase of this project, working with Design West Architects to design a great facility to serve our district and our neighboring districts.

# SHOUT OUTS!

Over the summer we facilitated a team of staff and community members (the **Capital Projects Advisory Committee**) through the process of determining the scope and dollar amount of a bond to fund the renovation and expansion of LMS. This was a collaborative effort, culminating in the team developing an independent recommendation to take to the board. It was a powerful way to Cultivate Trust as we move forward with meeting the facility needs at LMS and HVAC upgrades at three of our elementary schools.

**Johanna Brown** - In an effort to cut down on single use plastics Jo is working on collecting mismatched silverware that can be used for PHS staff functions. Awesome!

"Shout out to **Stacey Estenson** our school counselor at Kamiak for putting Students First and Cultivating Trust. Stacey has taken the time to visit our classrooms to introduce herself and teach our students what she does and how she can help them. This was an engaging and light hearted opportunity for her to make herself known. I love that she did this with the whole class because it helps put an end to the stigma of visiting with the school counselor. I'm glad they all know she's available if they need someone to listen or help them problem solve." -Emily Poston

**Jefferson Core+ Team** - "The Jefferson kindergarten teachers want to give a shout out to all the Core Plus staff. They have been an amazing help to us during our Wa-Kids conferences. They have made our newest JES students feel special and comfortable! Thanks for taking such great care of them!  
- Jefferson kindergarten teachers

**Evan Hecker** - Inspiring a culture at Kamiak with special emphasis on self-care, wellness, and work life balance. This is so important!

**Claudia Mickas** - Claudia made sweet paper fortune cookies with kind messages inside, and handed them out to Sunnyside students arriving for their first day of school!

**LMS Staff** - "There was a lot of love in the building today. I witnessed so many people, staff and students, helping each other in stressful, busy, hectic conditions. Just because that's what we do. It's a big part of the reason that I love working at Lincoln. Nice job, everyone." -Michael Riley

"I would like to tell the **summer maintenance crew** how much I appreciate their hard work in delivering all the curriculum and special education supplies to each school. Our hallway was completely cluttered with boxes and they cleared it out in one day in the heat. Incredible!" - Kerrin McMillen

**Roberta Kramer** - "Even after a really long day, I noticed you took the time (at 8pm, no less!) to talk with a parent about their child, showing compassion and concern." - Shannon Focht

**Instructional Technology Department** (Garren, Ryan, Kameron, Aaron, Alex and Matt) for working on all of the vast amount of technology upgrades, computers, phones, and intercoms. Well Done! - Bob Maxwell

"Thanks to **PHS ASB and Erin Willy** for running a solid PHS Block Party. Students had a great time hanging out, playing games, and getting dinner from the food truck! Thank you club advisors for attending and reaching out to students to help them get involved and join a club. This was perhaps the most well attended event by our staff that I can remember. WHAT AN AWESOME WAY TO START THE YEAR!!! I appreciate you taking time to come out and support our students. They also appreciate seeing you in a different environment. It's another GREAT way for us to show that we care about them both inside and outside of the classroom."  
-Juston Pollestad

**Do you know a staff member that deserves a shout out? Please send an email to [sfocht@psd267.org](mailto:sfocht@psd267.org) and let us know!**

# FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



# KAMIAK OPENING CEREMONY



An incredible celebration showcasing Kamiak Elementary! Thank you to our voters, for their support of our schools!

# WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

We are so happy you've chosen Pullman Public Schools!



- Alexa Broughton, Psychologist
- Natalie Dobbins, TOSA – Positive Behavior Teacher Specialist
- Cristina Johnson-Hyde, Assistant Director of Special Services
- Karen Quist, Program Manager - Teaching and Learning
- Rachael Vickoren, Preschool Special Education Paraprofessional

## Franklin Elementary

- Lindsey Barnhill, Special Education Paraprofessional
- Katie Iverson, Special Education Paraprofessional
- Traci Mooney, Core+ Paraprofessional
- Amanda Rawlings, Assistant Cook/Cashier
- Katie Wexler, Special Education Paraprofessional

## Jefferson Elementary

- Katie Cajigas, Paraprofessional – Office Support
- Celeste Hufford, Kindergarten Teacher

## Pullman High School

- Kate Agnew, Health and Fitness Teacher
- Kent Bevers, Itinerant Cook/Cashier
- Perry Black, Special Education Teacher
- Masayo Bromley, Assistant Cook/Cashier
- Jim Dobson, Custodian
- Tonya Keller, Custodian
- Rebekah Leib, Assistant Cook/Cashier
- McKayla Moore, Science Teacher
- Blake Nelson, Math Teacher
- Janeth Ramos, Custodian

## Kamiak Elementary

- Destiny Barker, Special Education Teacher
- Alexa Beckett, Building Paraprofessional
- Megan Brannan, Library Paraprofessional
- Rayna Charles, First Grade Teacher
- Cheyenne Cortesi, Kindergarten Teacher
- Patrick Doumit, Core+ Teacher
- Stacey Estensen, Counselor
- Christy Goodell, Core+ Paraprofessional
- Britney Gough, Special Education Paraprofessional
- Lynda Hamilton, Secretary
- Sierra Heitzman, Special Education Paraprofessional
- Yoon-Kyung Hyeon, Special Education Paraprofessional
- Laura Manning, Custodian
- Kelcie Peterson, Third Grade Teacher
- Bridget Wallace, Special Education Paraprofessional

## Sunnyside Elementary

- Cari DenHerder, Fourth Grade Teacher
- Amanda Ingram, Core + Teacher
- Mary Krumpl, Special Education Teacher
- Jessica Sheppard, Kindergarten Teacher
- Abigail Stolp, Fifth Grade Teacher

## Lincoln Middle School

- Kevin Agnew, English Language Arts Teacher
- Kato Clinton, ASB Secretary
- Ana Goodman Womack, Supervision/Student Management Paraprofessional
- Autumn Lopez, Spanish Teacher
- Parker Ruehl, English Language Arts Teacher
- Laura Silflow, Assistant Cook/Cashier
- Jacob Unzicker, Math Teacher

## MEET OUR TOSAS

What are TOSAs? TOSAs are "Teachers on Special Assignment". Our teachers are certificated instructors that serve our district in a specialized capacity. Natalie, Grace, and Joni are an asset to our district! They plan and lead valuable professional trainings, coach, and mentor our classroom teacher, among many other things! We are grateful for their support and the impact that has on our students!



**Natalie Dobbins**

Positive Behavior Teacher Specialist



**Grace Grow**

Curriculum and Assessment Specialist



**Joni Stevens**

Math TOSA

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# YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION

We would like to recognize the following employees for their many years of service:

## 10 Years of Service:

Rolos Salamjohn  
Desiree Gould  
Lisa Morris  
Heather Strader  
John Willy  
Ernest Yaggi

## 20 Years of Service:

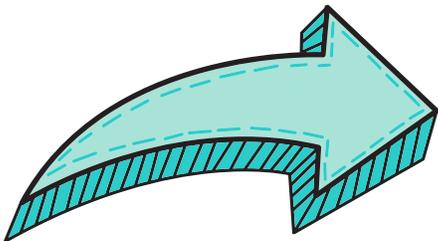
Sherree Komp  
Debbie Stone  
Joe Thornton  
Eugene Winkler

## 25 Years of Service:

Keith Russell  
Deni Claypool  
Joe Covill  
Matt Fluster  
Tricia James

Our Longest Serving Employee: **Laurie Cochran** has been with us for

45  
Years!



## LET'S BE SOCIAL!

Did you know we are on social media?

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