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BHSD Voices - State Report Card

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Hello, this is Sean Gallagher — Superintendent of Brookings-Harbor School District here to share some highlights of our school’s annual report card data.

Each year, the Oregon Department of Education issues a report for every public school and district in Oregon. The 2017–18 reports are now available online and feature a new format with a two-page “At-a-Glance School Profile” report that provides information on 2018 state test performance, 2017 graduation rates, student and teacher demographics, attendance, school programs, and more.

Locally, our four-year graduation rate for Brookings-Harbor students rose to 77 percent with the Class of 2017, slightly surpassing the state average for the first time in years. We also had a high freshman on-track rate of 92 percent in 2017-18, exceeding the state average of 83 percent, and showing the impact of intervention programs such as the Extended School Day after-school tutoring program; and coordinated efforts at all levels in the district to keep students on-track year-to-year. Brookings-Harbor School District has also maintained low-class sizes at all levels, a departure from the trend across the state.

One of the focus areas that the district continues to emphasize is assessment scores in mathematics. The new Common Core State Standards in mathematics places real emphasis on students explaining their logic behind their answer, which can be a change for some families. Also, the chronic absenteeism reporting requirements are reported differently this year, but combined with a concerted community effort, the district expects to see continued great results in this arena.

Please contact your principal if you have questions about your school's report card. The Brookings-Harbor School Board of Directors will host an in-depth presentation on each school's math and english language arts assessment data and progress at the next three monthly school board meetings. The first will be a presentation on Azalea Middle School's data in by AMS Principal Nicole Medrando at 5 p.m. Nov. 14, in the Kalmiopsis Elementary School library.

In the coming year, Brookings-Harbor School District will continue to focus on increasing graduation rates, increasing student academic achievement, closing the academic achievement gap, graduating students that are college and career ready, improving recruitment and retention of high-quality teachers and staff, and increasing community communications. Together, we must all do our part to ensure that "Every Student Can Succeed."