



Across the Board May 3, 2010

Teachers and staff, thank you for your great work in our schools and your continued support of our students and families! It's been another challenging year for our District. Our recent work on developing a Reduced Educational Plan for the 2010-11 school year was very, very difficult. There is no "win, win" in this budget, but as a Board, we agree we are doing the absolute best we can do for our kids with the financial resources we have been dealt. We are working hard on your behalf to maintain successful programs with our eyes on "what's best for kids." We continue to seek your feedback. Please send us your constructive ideas for how we can continue to make a better future for our District and our students.

Board President Lonnie Linn

2010-11 Reduced Educational Program

After much study by Board members, and input from teachers, staff and community members, we approved a Reduced Educational Program for the 2010-11 school year at our April 26 Board meeting. Reductions total \$1,970,373. The list of reductions is posted here again for your study. [2010-11 Board Approved Budget Reduction List.](#)

Enrollment Report and Outlook

The District's total enrollment for April 2010 (not including Skills Center or Running Start) is 3,697.01 FTE. This is 73.88 FTE fewer than last year at this time but is 18.78 FTE students above budget. The budget is based upon the average FTE over the entire school year. *The [Enrollment Report](#) is posted monthly to the District website.*

Teachers Appreciation Week

At our April 12 School Board meeting, the Directors proclaimed May 2 through 8, 2010 as *Teacher Appreciation Week*. *Thank you for your great work on behalf of our Port Angeles students and families!*

May 12 School Nurse Day

Wednesday, May 12, 2010 is *School Nurse Day* in recognition of our school nurses Lily Thomson and Resa Yamamoto. *Thank you, Resa, and Lily, for your valuable service to our students and your support of our staff everyday!*

The Multi-Aged Community (MAC)

Assistant Superintendent Mary Hebert reported on the MAC program at our April 12 meeting. The MAC currently serves approximately 129 elementary-aged children in grades one through five of the total 318 students in these grades at Franklin Elementary. [View MAC Report.](#)

Approval of Credit Equivalency for Digital Media Courses

We approved credit equivalency requests from the North Olympic Peninsula Skills Center on behalf of the Digital Media course. The Digital Media course was granted both English and Fine Arts elective credit equivalency.

In accordance with Board policy and procedures, credit equivalency may be granted with approval by a committee to be convened at the direction of the Superintendent Pryne. Career and technical courses approved for equivalency must meet the following criteria: A.) Align with the state's essential academic learning requirements and grade level expectations; and B.) Align with current industry standards, as evidenced in the curriculum frameworks. The local career and technical advisory committee shall certify that courses meet industry standards.

Race to the Top Discussion and Information

On March 29, 2010, Governor Gregoire signed [E2SSB 6696](#) into law. This new legislation, which represents a comprehensive approach to educational reform, will form the backbone of Washington's Race to the Top Phase II application. On April 7, the Governor [kicked off the application process](#) for a share of the \$3.4 billion in RTTT funding. The [Race to the Top Fund](#) is the largest ever federal competitive investment in school reform. It will reward states for past accomplishments and create incentives for future improvements. The funding criteria that the U.S. Department of Education proposes to use will challenge states to create comprehensive strategies for addressing the four central areas of reform that will drive school improvement.

Let's Hear from You!

Send an email to info@portangelesschools.org, or if it's regarding the budget, to budget@portangelesschools.org. Join us for an upcoming [school board meeting!](#)

Congratulations and Thank You!

We know the reason for student success is largely due to teacher and staff support. Let's celebrate our students, and your, success!

★ Congratulations to [April KONP Teacher of the Month](#), Christine Chang of Jefferson Elementary!

★ Congratulations to Ron Jones on his receipt of [Distinguished Service Award](#) from the Port Angeles Education Foundation!

★ Congratulations to Terri Longin, Sandra Biasell, Jeanne Wolfley, Evan Murphy and Molly Hibler for your recent technology [grant awards!](#)

★ Kudos to [SMS History finalists](#) (and a third place finish at state!) and advisor LeAnn McComb!

★ There's lots of year end success from our PAHS students, and congratulations are due them and their teachers/advisors. Here are a few recent announcements: [State Music champions](#) Sinead Cowan-Kuist and Hunter Gordon, [SkillsUSA champions](#) and gold medalist David

Branham, [NJROTC accomplishments](#) at the Regional Drill Championship, and [Band and Dance Team](#) bring home the medals from Washington, D.C.

★ A round of applause to our student volunteers and those earning a PAHS letter for volunteerism!

★ PAHS Honor Society and advisories, great work on collecting pennies for the Youth Suicide Prevention Program.

★ And more pennies: Let's give our students recognition for all the Pennies for Peace donations!

★ Amity Butler, welcome to Franklin Elementary as permanent principal!

★ Dry Creek students, over 400 trees planted! *Great work!*

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Board Assignments for 2009-10

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