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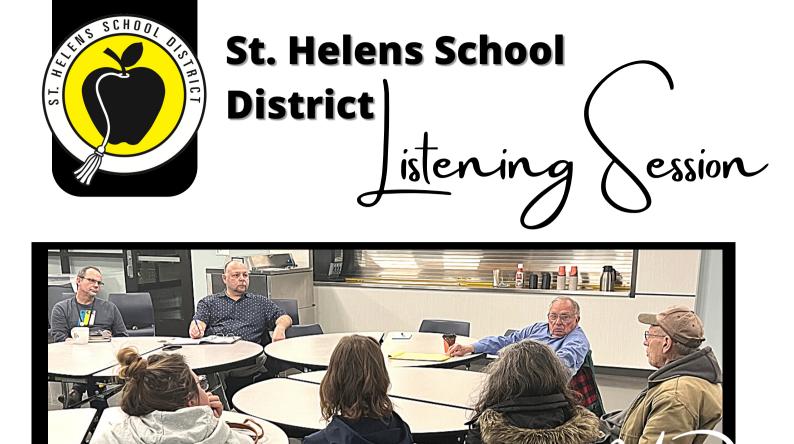
It should come as no surprise to anyone that graduation rates dipped in the last couple of years based on what all of us, especially our students, endured during the pandemic. During the 2021-2022 school year, we began to return to normalcy, allowing staff to utilize instructional strategies and interventions to begin closing the COVID-19 gap.

St. Helens High School has seen modest growth to 82.58% in its overall cohort graduation rate yet experienced a minor dip in some of our other demographic categories. Often what appears to be large swings result from a very small number of students in the individual category. If we only have ten students in a group and one doesn't graduate on time, it becomes a 10% swing in the graduation rate for that particular demographic group. Our counselors follow up with our students and work for ways to help them earn their diplomas. With that being said, every student is important to us, and we want to identify barriers to their graduation.

As a district, we are encouraged by the continued growth in our graduation rate, yet we believe we have more work to do. Across the district, teachers are developing new skills and strategies through professional development in programs such as AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination) and incorporating new curriculum to meet the needs of all students.

Scot Stockwell

SUPERINTENDENT



Thank you to those who attended our second district listening session with Superintendent Stockwell.

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We appreciate and value your thoughts, opinions, and ideas.





Jesse Sederburg can be seen throughout the district in and out of buildings taking care of any issues that may arise.

He is one of our dedicated maintenance workers that take care of all 6 six of our schools, our central office, and the Family Resource Center.

He ensures that the grounds are clean and presentable when you drive up to any of our buildings. On top of all the usual grounds maintenance duties, Jesse keeps the district mowers and the tractors working smoothly, which is no easy feat.

If it weren't for his mechanical knowledge and skills, our landscaping equipment wouldn't run. Jesse is always eager to lend a hand and has pulled me out of several predicaments. patulations Patulations Patulations

I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this award.





The Oregon Department of Education, in partnership with the Oregon Lottery, is pleased to announce the continuation of Oregon Regional Teacher of the Year to honor exemplary educators in every region of the state!

Nominations are open statewide through February 28, 2023.

Teachers will submit their applications by March 31, 2023.

Oregon Education Service Districts will select a winner from their region.

Regional Teachers of the Year will be honored across the state in September 2023!

In October 2023, one of the Regional Teachers of the Year will be named the 2023-24 Oregon Teacher of the Year and will be eligible to apply for the honor of the National Teacher of the Year!

Regional Teachers of the Year will receive a cash prize of \$1,000 and will be celebrated across the state.

The 2023-24 Oregon Teacher of the Year will receive a \$10,000 cash prize (with a matching \$5,000 going to their school) and serve as a spokesperson and representative for all Oregon teachers.

Anyone can nominate a teacher!



## THE PROMISE OF OREGON

"I am the Promise of Oregon because I want to be a teacher and help kids learn just as my teachers help me learn." - Paula Perez-Tapia, St. Helens Middle School, St. Helens SD



"I am the Promise of Oregon because I want to be a biomedical engineer to help people stay healthy so they can do the things they enjoy." - Esteban Gabriel Molina, McBride Elementary, St. Helens SD

RIDAY COADING



"I am the Promise of Oregon because my school district made all sports free. I'm now a five-sport athlete hoping to become a college athlete. I want to take care of my family and help other kids afford to play sports." - Nate Peau, St. Helens Middle School, St. Helens SD



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"I am the Promise of Oregon because I want to be a movie director to tell the stories that need to be told." - Cassidy McGregor, St. Helens Middle School, St. Helens SD

"I am the Promise of Oregon because I want to be a ballerina teacher so I can teach about dancing. I love ballet!" - Finley Brummer, McBride Elementary, St. Helens SD



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"I am the Promise of Oregon because I want to be a monster truck driver." - Russell Treat, McBride Elementary, St. Helens SD



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# SCHOOL EXCLUSION DAY IS FEBRUARY 15th!

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Zpm - 4pm

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### February 14th

Lions Wellness Center 2370 Gable Rd St. Helens, OR

Rainier Health Center 28168 Old Rainier Road Rainier, OR 97048

Clatskanie Health Center

471 SW Belair Dr Clatskanie, OR

### February 15th

Sacagawea Health Center 1060 Eisenschmidt Ln St. Helens, OR

Rainier Health Center 28168 Old Rainier Road Rainier, OR 97048