

Richland Schools

Office of the Superintendent

Memorandum

Date: 11/03/23
To: School Board
From: Shelley Redinger
Subject: Friday Packet

Enclosed please find the following documents:

- Board Dates to Remember
- Community Events/Activities
- Student Advisory Notes
- Media



TO: Board of Directors
RE: Event Dates
DATE: 11/3/23

November:

- 11/14/23...Board Meeting-Board Room-6:30
- 11/28/23...Board Meeting-Board Room-6:30
 - 5:30-6:30-Ex Session-(only if needed)
- TBD...Board Workshop/Bond Discussion

December:

- 12/12/23...Board Meeting-Board Room-6:30
 - 6:00-6:30-Ex Session-Superintendent Check In
- 12/18/23-1/2/24...Winter Break

January:

- 1/9/24...Board Meeting-Board Room-6:30
 - Ex. Session-(only if needed)
- 1/23/23...Board Meeting-Board Room-6:30
 - Ex. Session-(only if needed)

February:

- 2/13/24...Board Meeting-Board Room-6:30
 - Ex. Session-(only if needed)
- 2/27/24...Board Meeting-Board Room-6:30
 - Ex. Session-(only if needed)

Upcoming Events/Activities

This list is suggestions of RSD and community events to attend as a Board Member. By no means is it a comprehensive list of all activities in the District. Future events will be added weekly.



November

**Friday
3**

Much Ado About Nothing
7:30 PM
HHS Black Box Theatre
www.hanforddrama.org

**Friday
3**

Science Night
6 - 7:30 PM
Jefferson Elementary Gym

**Saturday
4**

ALE Career Expo
12:30 - 3 PM
River's Edge High School

**Friday
10**

Much Ado About Nothing
7:30 PM
HHS Black Box Theatre
www.hanforddrama.org

**Saturday
11**

Twelfth Night
7:30 PM
HHS Black Box Theatre
www.hanforddrama.org

**Friday
17**

**Homelink Secondary
Marimba Concert**
6 - 7:30 PM
Chief Jo Auditorium

**Saturday
18**

Winter Bazaar
9 AM- 3 PM
Marcus Whitman Elementary

**Friday
3 -**

**Saturday
4**

Brushstrokes
6:30 PM
Chief Jo Auditorium
<https://gofan.co/app/school/WA85700>

**Saturday
4**

Twelfth Night
7:30 PM
HHS Black Box Theatre
www.hanforddrama.org

**Thursday
9**

Twelfth Night
7:30 PM
HHS Black Box Theatre
www.hanforddrama.org

**Saturday
11**

Much Ado About Nothing
2:00 PM
HHS Black Box Theatre
www.hanforddrama.org

**Thursday
16**

**Homelink Secondary
Music Concert**
5:30 - 7 PM
Chief Jo Auditorium

**Friday
17 -
Saturday
18**

"The Variety Show"
7 PM
Leona Libby Middle School
<https://gofan.co/app/school/WA85702>

**Thursday
30**

Choir Holiday Concert
6:30 - 8:15 PM
Hanford High School

December

**Friday
1**

Choir Holiday Concert
6:30 - 8:15 PM
Hanford High School

**Saturday
9**

Hanford Holiday Bazaar

Hanford High School

**Hanford + Richland High
Athletic Events Calendars**
www.hanfordathletics.com/events
www.bomberathletics.com/events

Student/Superintendent Advisory Committee

10/20/23

11:30am-12:30PM

Welcome/Introductions

Dr. Redinger welcomed Richard Krasner, Executive Director of Operations, Caren Johnson, Director of Capital Projects, and Shawna Dinh, Public Information Officer.

Future Bond Projects/Capital Projects Levy Security Update

Mr. Krasner and Ms. Johnson shared information regarding the Safety & Security Levy (\$15M). The Levy also included funds (\$8M) for Schematic Design for upcoming projects.

Safety & Security improvements will be added to Jason Lee, Wiley, White Bluffs Elementaries, HomeLink (both campuses), Enterprise, Chief Joseph, and Carmichael Middle Schools, and River's Edge High School which will include entrance security (some full vestibule additions).

More complex work will be required at Richland High School. Several offices will need to be relocated to help secure the main entrance. Fencing/gates will also be added around campus. Students discussed active shooter scenarios. A vestibule will also be created at the Hanford High School's main entrance. Fencing/gates will be added to surround the campus. Egress will be planned by each staff once improvements are made, hopefully to be completed this summer.

Bond Project Discussion

Dr. Redinger stated the bond projects will be discussed at the Board meeting on October 31st. Possible projects include a third high school located behind the TLAC building. This building would be three stories with a Performing Arts Center, fields and parking (base bid), with alternate bids for enhancements for theater and fields. Students felt the enhanced fields were important to complete the project all at once.

Ms. Johnson shared information regarding a new innovative high school to replace River's Edge High School. This would be a two-story building to house approximately 400 students. An expansion to HomeLink is also planned which will allow all students to be served back on the original campus. Other projects mentioned include:

- Hanford HS-build out full bleachers, restrooms, press box
- Hanford HS Scene Shop-in back of current stage
- Transportation/Operations-consolidate in one location

Mr. Krasner shared a timeline for decisions to be made in order to run a Bond in April, August or November of 2024. Bond elections require 60% approval while Levies need only 50%.

Staff asked for ideas to motivate students to take surveys such as drawings for prizes or activities. Middle school students' input is also needed. Students were asked to send any input to Nancy Mayer.

School Board Meeting Student Report

- October 31, 2023 - Board Meeting-6:30pm
 - Karrin and Sheila will report at the meeting

Next Meeting

- December 8, 2023 - 11:30am - TLAC

3 Pasco School Board incumbents will bring welcome stability

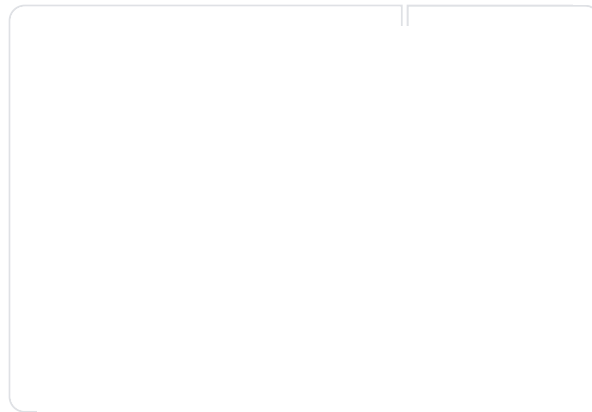
BY THE TRI-CITY HERALD EDITORIAL BOARD

In just four months this year, four of the five seats on Pasco School Board saw turnover by election or by resignation. We recommend that voters choose stability by electing three incumbent directors.

In recent years, the district's nearly 19,000 students have fallen short academically as measured by the [Washington State Report Card](#). Less than one-third met English language arts and science standards, and only 22% met math standards. Those rates are well below [statewide performance](#). About one-fifth of Pasco students don't graduate high school in four years.

One can chalk some of those struggles to the pandemic, but Pasco schools lagged other districts even before anyone had heard of COVID-19.

The Tri-City Herald Editorial Board interviewed candidates and reviewed their records and qualifications in deciding whom to recommend in each race. We commend all of the candidates for stepping up to run. Competitive elections elevate the public discourse and give voters a choice, which is a cornerstone of democracy.



Voters can view all of our recommendation and our endorsement interviews online at [tri-cityherald.com](https://www.tri-cityherald.com). In two of the races, we were unable to schedule interviews with both candidates. Normally we would not make a recommendation in those races unless a strong candidate is running against someone with clear disqualifiers.

District No. 1: Vincent Guerrero

The Pasco School Board [appointed Vincent Guerrero](#) to the vacant District No. 1 seat in April after interviewing several candidates. We recommend that voters ratify the board's decision. The district covers much of southwest Pasco.

It's easy to see why the board chose him. Guerrero holds a master's degree in public administration. He has two children enrolled in the district. And he is active in the community. He is the sort of people-focused leader who can build consensus and connect with the public.

Guerrero tried hard to make himself available for an endorsement interview, but his opponent, Steve Norberg, was nonresponsive. A look at Norberg's online presence hints at why he might not want the public to know too much. It's a dive into fringe, far-right conspiracies and ideology. Given those views, it's doubtful that Norberg would support state and federal law unreservedly.

District No. 2: John Kennedy

John Kennedy ran unopposed for the seat representing downtown and southeast Pasco last year. He has to run again because the [new district-based system](#) needs staggered elections. In his short time on the board, he has proved a thoughtful leader who listens to students and parents. We recommend voters stick with him.

Kennedy's opponent, Gabriel Lucatero, is barely running a campaign. He provides no contact information, a minimal statement in the [Voters' Guide](#) and was unresponsive to interview requests. An unserious candidate doesn't deserve serious consideration by voters.

Position 5: Rosa Torres

The Pasco School Board [appointed Rosa Torres](#) to fill a vacancy in February. At the time, she became the only Latino member of the board in a district where about three-quarters of students are Hispanic. Voters might recall that the reason the district switched to geographic board positions was to encourage Hispanic representation on the board.

All of which argues for keeping Torres, one of the best candidates we interviewed this year. She represents a critical constituency in the community. That's important not just because she can speak to the needs and concerns of Hispanic residents but also because it is important for young people to see someone who looks like them in a leadership position. She can connect with the many families that don't speak English at home.

It doesn't hurt that Torres also is eminently qualified for the job. She is a University of Notre Dame-educated finance manager at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland. When the board appointed her, she rose to the top of a field of 16 applicants.

Her opponent, Steve Simmons, is a former school board member who stepped down over a potential conflict of interest and now wants back on the board. He has cultivated political ties that put him at odds with a forward-looking school district and does not bring the same upside as Torres.

Will appointed Pasco school officials keep their seats?



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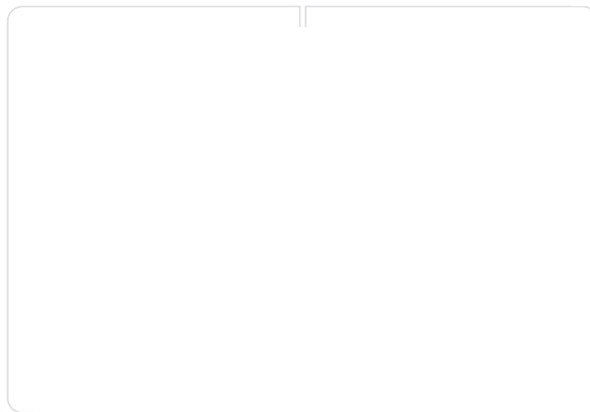
Six candidates are running for three of the five Pasco School Board seats on the Nov. 7 ballot.

BY ERIC ROSANE
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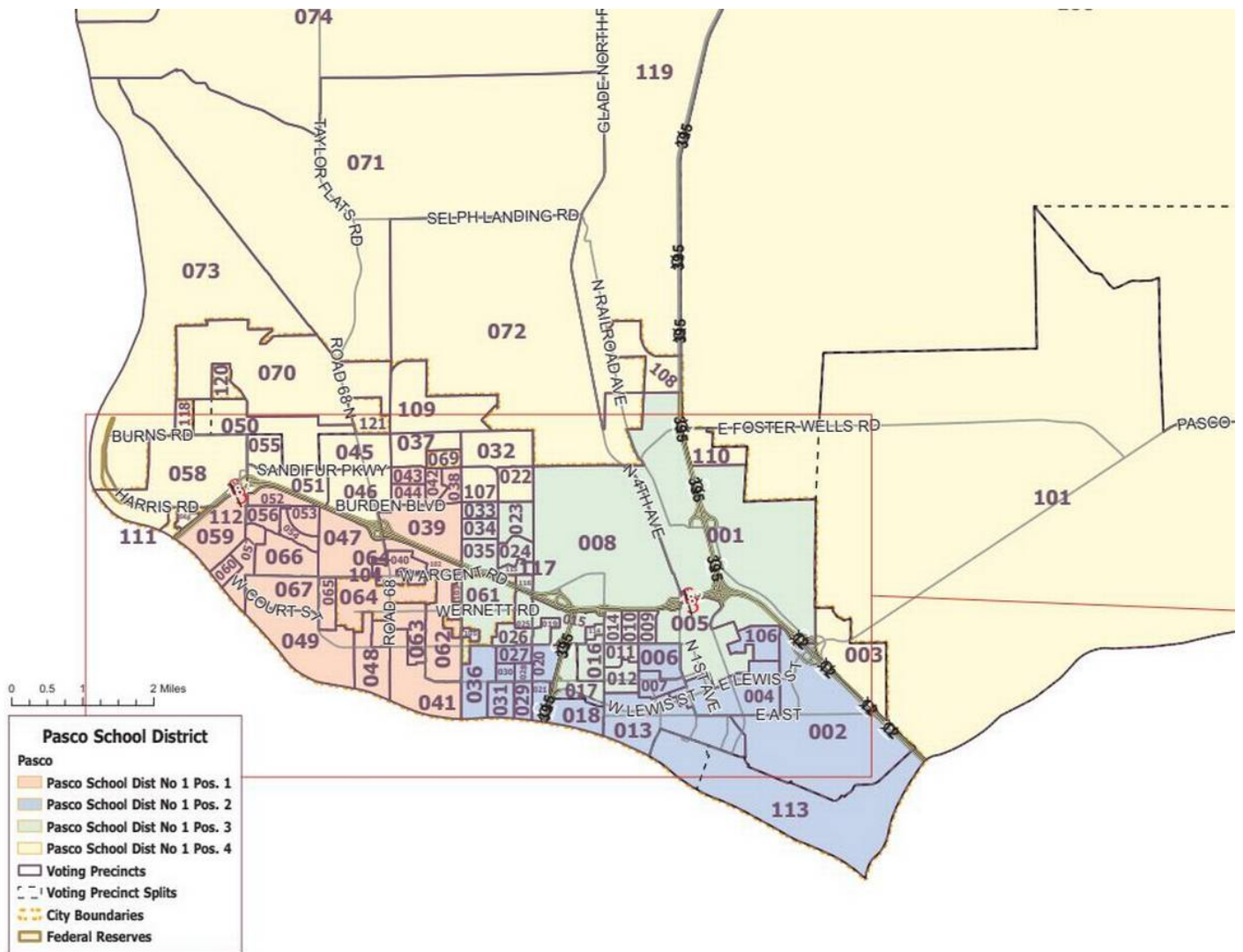
With new schools opening and students still recovering from pandemic-era learning losses, Pasco voters will have some big decisions to make about their school board's leadership.

Six candidates are running for three of the five Pasco School Board seats on the Nov. 7 ballot.

Candidates John Kennedy, Rosa Torres and Vincent Guerrero are all endorsed by the Pasco Association of Educators teachers union.



Steve Norberg is endorsed by the Franklin County Republican Party.



COURTESY PASCO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Five representatives serve on the Pasco School Board. Four of them represent voters of a specific director district, while one seat represents the district on an at-large basis.

At-large seat

Steve Simmons is looking to get back on the board after [resigning his seat last year](#) to let his wife take a job with the school district.

After Simmons' resignation, he reapplied but the board chose to appoint Rosa Torres to the vacant seat last year.

Now, the two are going head-to-head. Whoever wins will be elected to a two-year term to represent school district voters in a at-large capacity.

Both candidates attended Tri-Cities public schools.



“I sought out the appointment because I know first-hand the power of education and the impact it can have throughout your life,” Torres told the Tri-City Herald Editorial Board.

“I can bring a lot of things to the table for our school board. I bring strategic leadership, I have a business and finance discipline that I can bring to the board, I know how to work collaboratively,” she said.



Rosa Torres

A Bulldog who went on to graduate from University of Notre Dame, Torres currently works as a finance and accounting professional at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

She's also worked in other corporate finance positions with Ford, Starbucks and Microsoft.

Simmons, a Kamiakin High School graduate, is an electrician and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in project management at Columbia Basin College.

He was first voted into office in 2021 and again in 2022, and has children in Pasco schools, one of whom is in special education.



Steve Simmons

He said he's running again because he feels public education in Washington is headed in the wrong direction.

“I will help ensure district and state K-12 education policies and legislation is simple and prudent, builds individual self-reliance, prepares for the future needs of our state and communities, and provides appropriate funding,” Simmons said.

Simmons has served as a precinct committee officer with the Franklin County Republicans since 2020.

Director District 1

Vincent Guerrero was [appointed to his seat earlier this year](#). Now, he’s trying to keep it but faces challenger Steve Norberg.

District 1 represents neighborhoods in southwest Pasco.

Born in Eastern Washington and raised by farmer parents, Guerrero has two children in Pasco schools and says district growth should be the top priority for the board.

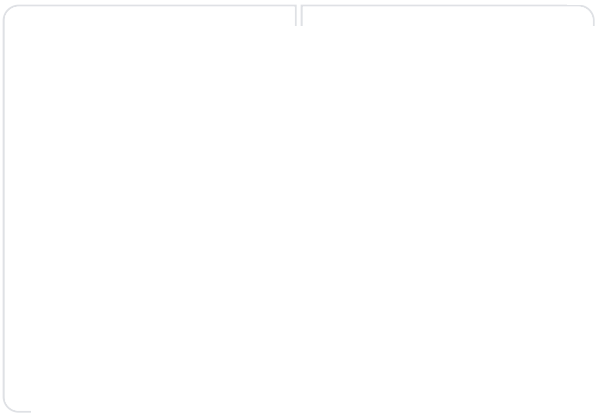


Vincent Guerrero

“The area has seen tremendous growth and change in the last 20 years and a strong person is needed to help lead the district in its vision and goals,” Guerrero wrote in the Voters’ Pamphlet.

Guerrero says his skill set will help the board set goals, create policies, work collaboratively and build consensus.

Norberg has worked for more than a decade as a professor and regional forage specialist with Washington State University and its Franklin County extension office.



He’s served as a mentor with Forge Youth Mentoring, is an ex-officio with the Washington State Hay Growers Association and has been involved with the Benton-Franklin Fair and Rodeo.



Steve Norberg

“Pasco’s future lies with our kids,” Noberg wrote in the Voters’ Pamphlet. “My conservative values and leadership will help guide Pasco schools to ensure a healthy learning atmosphere and result in students that are well prepared for the future.”

Director District 2

Incumbent John Kennedy is being challenged for his District 2 seat by Gabriel Lucatero.

That district encompasses large portions of southeast Pasco.

Kennedy is an adjunct professor of history and American studies at Columbia Basin College and Washington State University Tri-Cities.

He's involved with archival collections and research at the Franklin County Historical Society and Museum and East Benton County Historical Society and Museum.



Dr. John Kennedy

“As a college instructor with 13 years experience, I understand the importance of ensuring our students have the educational tools necessary to thrive in a competitive economy,” Kennedy writes in the Voters’ Pamphlet.

“Maintaining board support for robust and sustainable physical, social and emotional wellness for our students will remain a high priority of mine.”

Kennedy says he will continue to advocate for support and funding for strong career and technical education programs and STEM career development opportunities.

Lucatero is a parent of four sons and two daughters in the school district. He works as an estimator with Kustom US Restoration.



Gabriel Lucatero

“I believe the future of our city depends on the ability of our district to bring excellence with equity to all students,” he writes.

“This means supporting teachers to do their best work with our kids every day. This means listening to and incorporating the input of teachers, families and community members when designing district policies. And it means holding district leadership accountable when test scores flat line (and) enrollment fails to meet projections,” he continued.

Voting

Ballots have been mailed to registered voters in Franklin County and must be postmarked by Nov. 7 or returned to a county certified drop box by 8 p.m. on election day.

Voters can still register to vote or make updates to their registration up until 8 p.m. on election day if they visit their local auditor’s office.

Hanford High School mourns loss of Richland teacher, National Guardsman



RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hanford High School is in Richland, Wash.

**BY ERIC ROSANE
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The Hanford High School community is in mourning this week after a math teacher died by suicide.

Principal Mike Johnson said in a letter to parents this week that Steve Klug, who also previously taught at Richland High, died Wednesday.

The school offered resources and counselors, which hundreds of students used. At the end of school Wednesday, students and staff gathered to share a few moments and to write cards to his family.

Johnson said it's important for the community to grieve and come together during this time.

"There was a huge outpouring of support from across our community, with offers of assistance from other schools and districts throughout the region," Johnson wrote to parents. "I was personally touched by the number of students that made a point to check in on me to see how I was doing throughout the day. The care and support in the building was beautiful to experience."

"I want to ensure you that we, the Hanford High School staff, care about you and your students and the feelings you may be experiencing," he continued.

Classes at Hanford High School were held as usual.

Klug, who was married with children, was a math teacher of 16 years and also taught at Richland High School, [according to his LinkedIn](#).

He championed computer science and cyber security education for students by creating classes and establishing an Advanced Placement computer science curriculum.

"Steve was not only a dedicated educator who taught in the district for more than 15 years, but a friend to many in our schools and throughout the community," said Richland School District public information officer Shawna Dinh. "We want to thank the Tri-City community for the tremendous outpouring of love and support to our staff, students and the Klug family."

Klug was also a military veteran who was actively serving in the Washington Army National Guard. He took time off from college to serve in Iraq from 2004 to 2005.

Benton County Coroner Bill Leach said emergency dispatchers received a call from Klug on Wednesday morning. A short time later, deputies found his body about 9:35 a.m.

Suicide prevention lifeline

Anyone feeling distressed can call or text the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 988 or 800-273-8255.

If someone needs assistance right away, you can also call 911.

Warning signs of distress can include:

- Talking about wanting to die or kill oneself
- Looking for ways to kill oneself, such as searching online or buying a gun

- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live
- Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain
- Talking about being a burden to others
- Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs
- Acting anxious or agitated, or behaving recklessly
- Sleeping too little or too much
- Withdrawing or feeling isolated
- Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge
- Displaying extreme mood swings



Pasco school board receives award

by Charidy Caldwell
Mon, October 30th 2023, 7:58 PM PDT



Courtesy: Pasco School District's Facebook page



Tri-Cities, WA-

The Pasco school board is once again being awarded the 2023 Board of Distinction Award.

For the 7th year in a row, they've been selected because of their leadership in education, and the effort they put into fostering a community and culture of excellence in schools and on the board.

"Effective school boards help kids, help student achievement. Kids that live in districts with effective school boards, their student achievement rises, and kids who have ineffective leaders, their student achievement lowers," said Amy Phillips the President of Pasco School District.

Promoted Links

Police Orders Woman To Open Trunk - Has No Idea She's Recording Behind His Back

Smartworldmag



Father Was Washing Car, Then Daughter Screamed "Daddy look out!"

Forever Mom

Deputies investigating fatality collision after car full of teens drives into ravine

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Phillips also says a big factor for them receiving this award is the district's philosophy on belonging and inclusion during the school year.

MORE TO EXPLORE

Missing persons case in Kennewick turns into homicide investigation after three bodies found

Deputies investigating fatality collision after car full of teens drives into ravine

Alert Kennewick police catch group trespassing in abandoned motel: Local resident urges recovery for suspects

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Strong voter turnout for pivotal Benton, Franklin elections



TRI-CITY HERALD FILE

General election ballots must be postmarked or dropped off by 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7.

BY CORY MCCOY
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There's just a week left to return ballots in the Nov. 7 election and daily tallies show that Tri-Cities area voters are turning out in higher numbers compared to similar elections thanks to some particularly impactful races.

Benton County voters have returned nearly 2,500 more ballots through Monday than during the same time period in the 2019 election.

So far more than 13,600 have voted in elections that could swing the balance of power on nearly every school board and city council with more seats than normal up for election due to redistricting and a school board

recall. So far, turnout is a full percent higher than four years ago.



In Franklin County, more than 3,600 ballots have been cast, or about 500 more than the same time period in 2019. That's about a tenth of a percent lower because of the growth in the number of voters.

There are about 126,400 voters in Benton County this year, compared to 115,000 four years ago. In Franklin County there are now just under 44,000 compared to 37,100 in 2019.

Ballots are due by election day, Tuesday, Nov. 7, but you can still register to vote in person at the election office of your county assessor's office until the polls close at 8 p.m.

CONTESTED

LOCAL RACES

Both counties are looking at strong turnouts because of so many competitive races. You can read full coverage for some of the most competitive races online at Tri-CityHerald.com, as well as watch videos of Tri-City Herald Editorial Board interviews and read the board's recommendations.

In Richland, voters will have to decide what direction their school board takes after three members were recalled in August, and if their city council is going to live in a wider swath of Richland neighborhoods than it currently does. They also have a Port of Benton race in which voters will have to decide whether to keep a respected incumbent commissioner or replace her with the port's longtime former director.

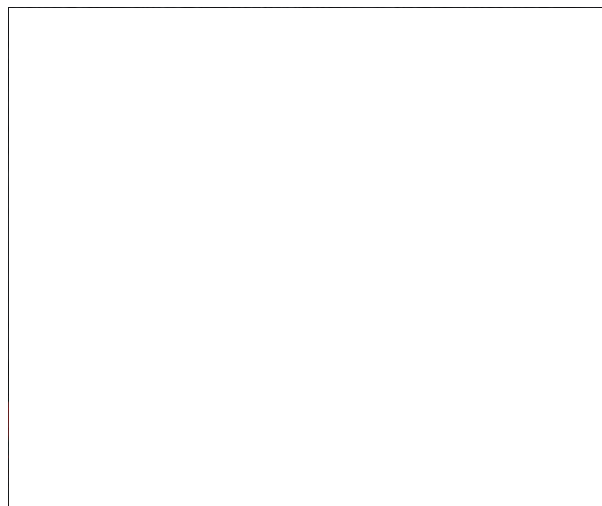
In Kennewick, voters will be choosing between keeping a moderating incumbent on the city council and on the conservative makeup of the school board and expected financial struggles following initial troubles getting voters to approve its operating tax levy.

Pasco voters are deciding which future council members are best suited to help steward expected massive growth over the next decade, with a high priority on preventing infrastructure woes. Their school board has three races with incumbents working hard to show their experience is worth keeping.

The competitive races don't end with just the large cities though. Across Benton and Franklin counties, smaller cities like Connell, West Richland, Benton City and Prosser all have races with big decisions for voters to make.

There's also a public safety sales tax renewal on the ballot in Benton County. The lack of a sunset clause has some voters hesitant to renew the funding, which is needed to pay for 55 law enforcement officers in Benton County and its cities.

There are several fire and hospital district levies in rural portions of the counties.



Read the Herald's full election coverage online at Tri-CityHerald.com and check back throughout the evening on election night for live updates as results come in after 8 p.m.

Letters to the editor



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OWENS OPPOSES WIND TURBINES

Kennewick City Council candidate Ted Owens differs from his opponent in one obvious and important way. Owens opposes the Scout Horse Heaven Hills Windfarm Protect south of Kennewick, which is the official position of a majority of council members.

Owens believes the giant windmills are unable to produce a reliable source of alternative energy needed should Snake River dams ever be removed; windmills will block future growth of Kennewick to the south; windmills are not compatible with the environment, especially birds of prey; windmills will impede ability to fight wild-land fires with aerial resources; and windmills will negatively impact Kennewick's residential property values as the city expands southward.

Owens favors small modular reactors and hydroelectric power, which are far better technologies for producing alternative energy.

Owens' opponent has voted twice for the windmills. He is pro-unions, and believes windmills will be a "windfall of jobs" for his union friends. Kennewick residents have Owens on their side. Unions have the incumbent. It's that simple.

Curiously, the Tri-City Herald's endorsement of the pro-union/wind-farm candidate failed to mention anything about wind farms.

Michael Richardson, Kennewick

OLDSON BEST FOR RICHLAND SCHOOLS

Jill Oldson is the best choice for Position 5 for Richland School Board.

I have known Jill for over 20 years and know her to be an extremely hard-working individual.

Jill has been active with the Richland School District for many years. She is focused and driven. She has put in the time and care that the position requires. She goes into the schools and asks pertinent questions. She talks to parents and teachers. She has earned the respect of those individuals.

She best understands what to expect in the coming years regarding the different demands of our district.

She cares.

Jennifer E. Kennedy, Richland

BROWN IS BEST FOR PASCO COUNCIL

As a community servant, there are decisions that are difficult, and there are those that are very easy. Endorsing Irving Brown Sr. for Pasco City Council District 3 is perhaps the easiest I've made this year. I look for many qualities in an elected official: love for community, hardworking, ethical, thoughtful, dedication, toughness, professionalism. Council Member Brown exemplifies each of these attributes. His service on City Council has proven that he is exactly what Pasco needs. His fellow council members clearly see it too, as they unanimously chose him as mayor pro-tem on Oct. 2



Pasco is a city on the rise. We need leaders who understand who we are and can shepherd our city toward continuing prosperity. Irving listens to community concerns with compassion and care. He understands what businesses need, what homeowners need, what the children of Pasco need. He balances the needs of every person who lives or works in Pasco with the need for our future growth.

Craig Maloney, Pasco

MADSEN HAS RIGHT STUFF FOR COUNCIL

I am writing to express my strong support for Kent Madsen, who is running for Richland City Council. Kent's deep roots in our city, having been born and raised in Richland, make him a candidate uniquely attuned to the needs and aspirations of our community.

Kent Madsen's track record as a proven and trusted leader during his 14 years on the planning commission is commendable. His unwavering dedication to making Richland a better place has been evident in his many years of community service. From leading local initiatives to supporting essential causes, Kent has consistently shown his commitment to the betterment of our city.

What sets Kent apart is his ability to listen to the concerns of the residents and translate them into effective policies. His approach is not only inclusive but also forward-thinking, ensuring that Richland remains a great place to live for generations to come.



I have every confidence that Kent Madsen will bring the same passion, dedication and leadership to the city council, and I wholeheartedly endorse his candidacy.

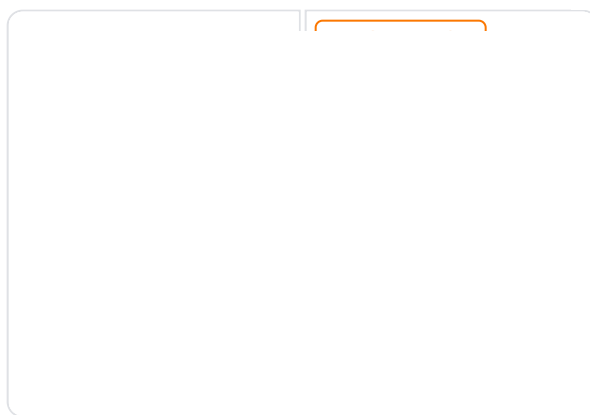
Tom Mickelson, Richland

RASMUSSEN HAS COMMUNITY FOCUS

I have known Christy Rasmussen for over 15 years, since collaborating with her in her home as a principal at New Horizons High School.

Christy is dedicated and passionate about everything she focuses on, whether serving her students, the Port of Benton district or serving as a member of Rotary. Christy is a constant learner at heart and has immersed herself in understanding everything about her district and the issues that impact the economics of our region.

Christy's love for and commitment to our community and her willingness to serve selflessly will help take the strategic plan for the Port of Benton to the next level.



Erinn Gailey-Genack, Kennewick

KELLER ASSISTED HIS OWN COMPANY

One thing is clear when you understand that Scott Keller's company, The Axe LLC, only pays \$760 in rent, is that Scott is not motivated to help small businesses.

Scott only wants to help himself and his airport buddies businesses by keeping rents on port-owned properties low.

Scott says he cares about small business, but while every other small business in the region pays market prices for rent, Scott appears to think businesses like his at the port should get a break other local small business don't get.

Kudos to the Port of Benton for functioning like a real business and increasing their revenue which can be used to benefit all the constituents of the Port of Benton, all while keeping a balanced proposed budget for the coming year. There's probably a good reason no one from the Port wanted Scott Keller back.

Mike Genack, Kennewick

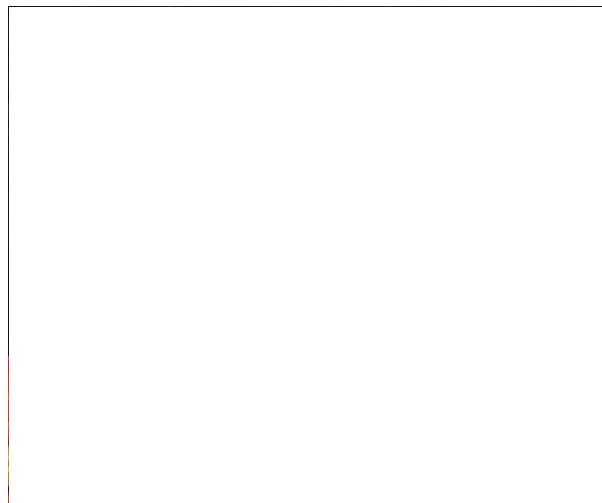
LEHRMAN HAS NO ENTANGLEMENTS

I ask you to vote for Kim Lehrman as the at-large Pasco council member.

Ms. Lehrman is unbiased and not hampered by conflicts of interest as her opponent is.

She studies issues and makes decisions that benefit the entire community. Her opponent is employed by the development industry, paid by the development industry and supported by the development industry.

The last thing Pasco needs is a lawmaker that has conflicts of interest with the many land use and policy decisions the Pasco City Council makes.



Mary Denenny, Pasco

LEHRMAN IS RIGHT FOR THE JOB

I have endorsed Kim Lehrman for Pasco's at-large seat. She ran first in 2020 for Franklin County Commission. Kim has been serving on the city's planning commission for the past couple years learning and facilitating smart growth when it comes to city planning and economic development. Kim is also a mother of 4, a Chiawana High teacher (previously taught welding and agriculture), she grew up on a farm in Benton County, is a WSU cougar, and a long-time youth soccer coach. I believe she is a well-rounded, community service-oriented candidate for an at-large seat. For this seat, a candidate must be accessible, approachable,

level headed, and understanding, to be able to weigh out the pros and cons of any given issue brought by a diverse resident population.

Zahra Roach, Pasco

HUSBAND IS FAN OF KIM LEHRMAN

I encourage all Pasco voters to support Kim Lehrman for Pasco City Council, at large.

Kim is my wife and I've known her for 26 years. She is a devoted high school teacher and mother of four Pasco students. I recently served on the Pasco School Board for 10 years, and I could not have done it without Kim's unwavering support and constant striving to understand what the families and residents of Pasco need.

Kim knows that Pasco operates best and grows when the residents feel connected with each other, leaders hear their voices, and the ideas of the community are incorporated into the fabric of city management and operations. Kim doesn't just talk about these ideals, she models these ideals. She actively listens to constituents from all backgrounds, she takes their ideas to community leadership, and she follows up with decision-makers until this feedback is incorporated or she is told why the ideas should not be incorporated.

Scott Lehrman, Pasco

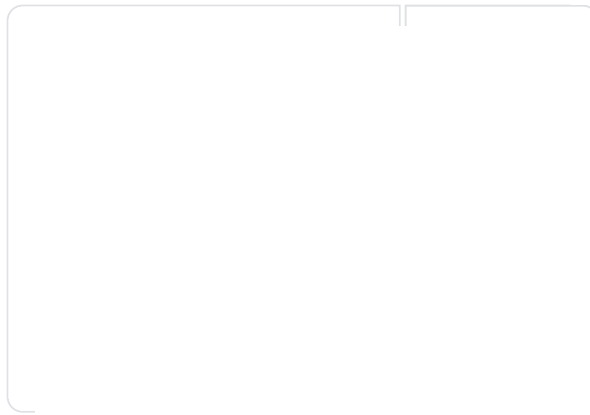
Vote on your favorite mascot ideas for two new Pasco schools

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We've heard your mascot suggestions for [Pasco's two new high schools](#). But which ones are your favorites?

We narrowed the field to a few so that Tri-City Herald readers can tell us which two mascots they think Harvest View High School and the career and college academy Orion High School should adopt.

Are the "Cornhuskers" the obvious choice for Harvest View, or should they be the "Rattlers?"



Are the "Archers" an easy bullseye for Orion, or are the "Pilots" a more fitting mascot?

You tell us. [Click here.](#)

And here are other creative mascots that readers suggested.

For Harvest View, readers suggested:

- Explorers
- Haymakers
- Hawks
- Stallions
- Aggies
- Shockers
- Mammoths
- Highlanders
- Scarecrows
- Thrashers
- Cowboys
- Coyotes
- Panthers
- Eagles
- Bucks
- Potato Heads

- Pioneers
- Thunderbirds
- Hurricanes
- Buffaloes
- Wildcats

For Orion, readers suggested:

- Constellations
- Hunters
- Grizzly Bears
- Wolves
- Bears
- Aviators
- Stars
- Astronauts
- Jets
- Cougars
- Gladiators
- Nebulas
- Eagles
- Trappers
- Giants
- Olympians
- Cosmos

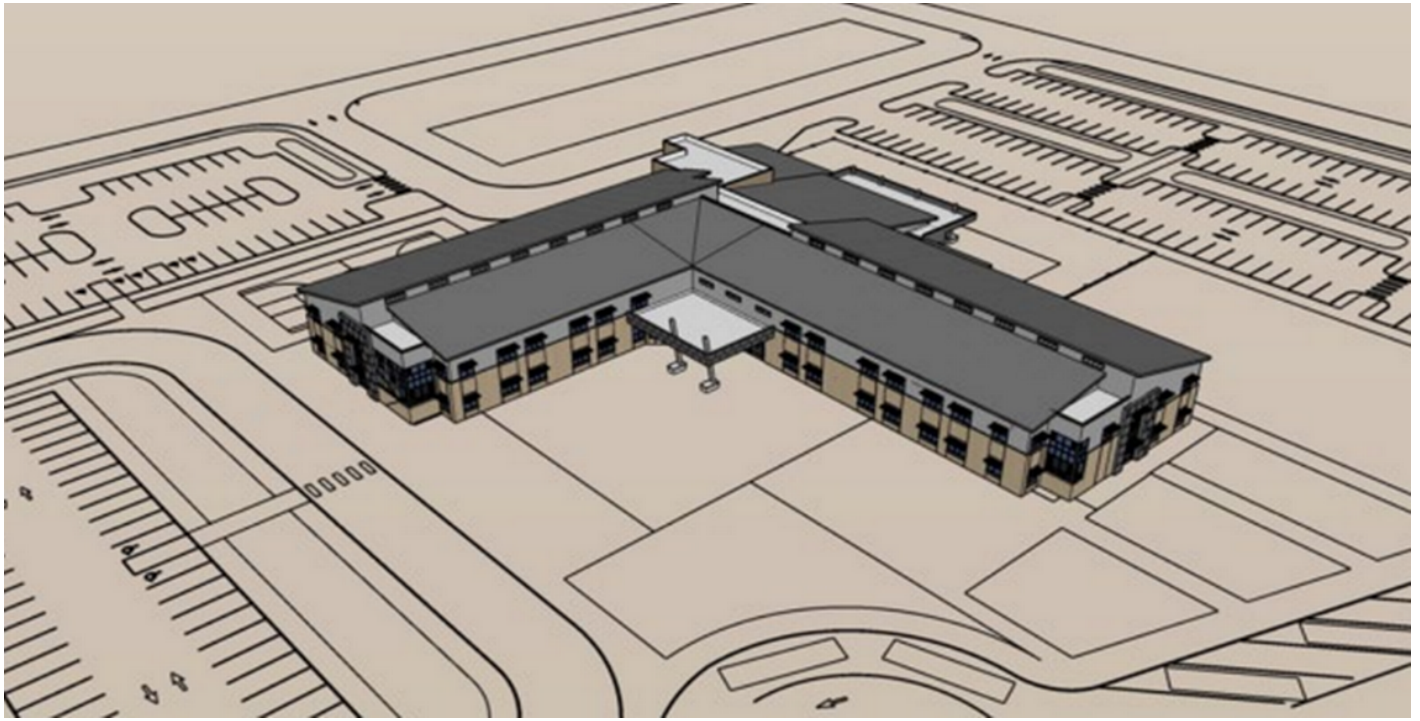
School district plans

Pasco school officials say branding concepts already have been drafted for at least one of the two schools but not released yet to the public.

Pasco School District staff will present preliminary concepts, colors, taglines and a mascot mockup for Harvest View High School at [the Tuesday, Nov. 14, school board meeting](#).

The materials for that presentation will be published Thursday, Nov. 9, on the district's website.

They will continue to solicit community feedback on the school's name, colors and mascot in the coming weeks and months, officials said.



COURTESY OF PASCO SCHOOL DISTRICT

A architectural rendering shows what the outside of Orion High School might look like when it opens to students in fall 2025.

Voters earlier this year approved a 21-year, \$195.5 million bond measure to build the third comprehensive high school in West Pasco and the career and college academy in east Pasco to ease overcrowding. Both schools will open fall 2025.

Harvest View will serve about 2,000 students, and will offer a signature agriculture career and technical education program.

Construction of the 300,000-square-foot building has begun on a 65-acre campus at 6091 Burns Road.

Orion High will serve 600 students, who will graduate workforce ready with credentials, industry certifications and hands-on experience. The 65,000-square-foot school will be on 10 acres near Ochoa Middle School.

Construction on Orion is scheduled to start in the spring.