

# Walla Walla Public Schools 10-10 Staff News



**School Board Meeting Recap | October 16, 2018**

## Board of Distinction

*School board receives prestigious state award for demonstrated excellence*

The Washington State School Directors' Association announced Walla Walla Public Schools' Board of Directors has been selected to receive the 'Board of Distinction Award'. The district will receive the award at the state directors' conference ceremony to be held Nov. 15 in Spokane. This is the first Board of Distinction award in district history for Walla Walla. School board member Ruth Ladderud helped coordinate the award submission.

The Board of Distinction award program recognizes school boards that show evidence of applying best practice standards endorsed by the Washington State School Directors' Association. Recipients must document they meet rigorous accountability and leadership practices through evidence-based actions. Selection criteria also includes aligning and incorporating high quality governance attributes to improve district operations and student learning. School board applications included an accounting of the most relevant work accomplished leading up to submission.



Ruth Ladderud

"All means all in Walla Walla and we were able to demonstrate that every student is valued, cared for and important, and I believe this is what led to the award selection."

**Ruth Ladderud  
Board of Director**

Focus areas included ensuring there were non-negotiable goals in place for student achievement. Recipients also had to demonstrate how they were providing for learning essentials, including rigorous curriculum, technology and actions to attain high-quality facilities. Award merit was also based on evaluating the superintendent on clear and focused expectations, including evidence of making gains on the opportunity gap based on student achievement data.

## School Collaborative Teams report progress to school board Professional Learning Communities support positive school learning culture

Last night Berney teachers Joe Gribnau, Angela Bona, Robin Ponti and Garrison Middle School teachers Conor Fish and Lance Longmire updated the school board on the work of their collaborative teams. The use of

data, understanding essential learning standards, working as a team and ongoing professional development were themes of the reports. They reported their efforts always center around supporting the learning of all students.

## Board Meeting Highlights

### APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the Oct. 2, 2018 regular study meeting, personnel report, non-athletic extra & co-curricular contracts, 2018-2019 teachers assigned out of endorsement area or teaching with a limited teaching certificate, October 16 accounts payable, September financial report and 2018-2019 Perkins Grant Application.

### Replacement Bond Proposal . . .

On November 6, 2018, Walla Walla Public Schools will ask voters to decide on a \$65.6M replacement bond measure to renovate Walla Walla High School, Pioneer Middle School, and Lincoln High School and fund specific district-wide health, safety, educational and infrastructure improvements. The school renovation projects are eligible for an estimated \$52.6M in State Match funds. All State Match funds will be applied only to the voter-approved projects. Any excess dollars remaining following the completion of these projects will be used to pay down debt to reduce the rate for taxpayers. Visit the district webpage to watch the Replacement Bond informational video series.

### New Videos Available

- Jennifer Mouat
- Keith Swanson
- Cyndy Knight
- Dick Moeller

**Developing Washington's Most Sought-After Graduates**

PERSONNEL  
REPORT

**EMPLOYMENT . . .**

**Classified:**

SERENA VICARI | PARA-ED | BLUE RIDGE

**RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT**

**Certificated:**

ALYSSA MORENO | ENGLISH | WA-HI, 2.5 YRS

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE . . .**

**Classified:**

ANA CAMPOS | PARA-ED | HEAD START/ECEAP, 3 YRS

- MAY THROUGH JUNE 2019

**Quote of the Week**

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Nelson Mandela

School Safety Week

**District plans activities to promote importance of school safety**

Next week is National School Safety Week and the district is planning several activities to raise awareness about this important topic. Schools will be sharing information during morning announcements, conducting drills and welcoming area first-responders to have lunch with students.

Garrison Middle School 8th grade student Jack Wanichек and his sister Allison, a senior at Wa-Hi, are serving as student ambassadors for the awareness campaign.

Last night school board members previewed a video Jack created to remind students about the important message: Hear Something, See Something -- Say Something. SEATech Instructor Jeffrey Townsend and some of his students captured the video for Jack to edit and produce. Allison helped get students to be in the video and kept everyone on schedule. Look for the video to be released next week to kick off National School Safety Week. Thank you for helping keep students safe!



*School Safety Awareness Campaign student ambassadors Jack and Allison Wanichек have been busy producing radio spots, designing posters and producing a video to help raise awareness about the importance of school safety.*

**American Education Week**

American Education Week is November 12-16. This is the 97th year it has been recognized. American Education Week presents all Americans with an opportunity to celebrate public education and

honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring every child receives a quality education. “Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility.”



**High School update**

Wa-Hi student Zoe Gannon is serving as the student representative to the school board. Last night she reported 652 students attended the Homecoming Dance. This is the largest number in six years. The annual Veterans Day Assembly is Nov. 9 this year and Key Club is planning Trunk or Treat.

**Enrollment update**

Superintendent Wade Smith reported the district’s FTE enrollment count to start the school year is on target with the 2018-2019 school year budget projection of 5600. He reported the district will closely monitor enrollment counts throughout the year.

**Policy First Readings**

- 2190 - Highly Capable Programs
- 2255 - Alternative Learning Experience Courses
- 2320 - Field Trips
- 2410 - High School Graduation Requirements
- 3115 - Homeless Students Enrollment Rights & Services
- 3124 - Removal/Release of Student During School Hours
- 3200 - Rights and Responsibilities
- 3207 - Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
- 3432 - Emergencies
- 6535 - Student Insurance
- 6900 - Facilities Planning