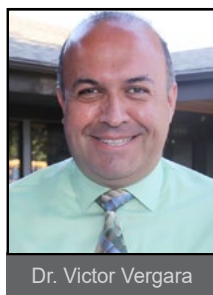


# Walla Walla Public Schools 10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | November 6, 2018

## Bilingual Education Department *Program numbers continue to grow*



Dr. Victor Vergara

Director of Bilingual Programs Dr. Victor Vergara updated the Board of Directors on district programs during its monthly Study Meeting. Vergara reported the district is taking additional steps to screen English Language Learners (ELL) to determine what programs best meet the needs of these 711 students currently enrolled. Walla Walla Public Schools utilizes English Language Development and Dual Language programs to acquire language skills. A Spanish World Language program was added to Middle Schools last year as another avenue to help students develop second language skills.

Dual Language program enrollment at Edison Elementary is on the rise with kindergarten numbers up. Vergara is carefully studying data to drive program decisions as part of a three year action plan. He said everyone is committed to improvement.

“Dual language programs integrate native English speaking students with native Spanish speakers to achieve bilingual/biliterate outcomes for participating students. Our mission in the Dual Language program is to have all students graduate biliterate and College and Career Ready.”

Dr. Victor Vergara  
Director of Bilingual Education

## Board Meeting Highlights

### APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the Oct. 16, 2018 regular study meeting, personnel report, extracurricular athletic contracts, non-athletic extra and co-curricular contracts, November 6 accounts payable and October payroll, CTE Program five year plan, and Annual Highly Capable program compliance.

### Cold and Flu Season Tips . . .

- By Amy Ruff, Health Services Director
- Wash your hands. Studies show this is the BEST way to prevent the spread of infection.
  - Get a flu shot. Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine annually.
  - Avoid people who are sick! If you are sick, stay home from school or work until fever free for 24 hours.

Pertussis has been reported in our community.

- Pertussis (whooping cough) is a highly contagious bacterial infection that causes a severe cough.
- Pertussis infections are most dangerous to babies less than one year, pregnant women and those who have not been vaccinated. Unimmunized children could require exclusion from school due to Pertussis.
- Pertussis starts as a mild upper respiratory infection. See your doctor if symptoms occur. Pertussis can be more easily treated if caught early.

## Replacement Bond passing on Election Night

### Voter results show strong support for Walla Walla Public Schools

Walla Walla Public Schools' \$65.6 million Replacement Bond is passing with a 70.95% yes vote as of election night. More votes are expected to trickle in over the next few days. The remaining ballots are not expected to change the final outcome. The election will be certified by the Walla Walla County Elections Office Nov. 27. The approval requirement for this bond was a supermajority, 60 percent yes vote.

“Tonight will be remembered as one of the more significant moments in our district's glorious 161-year-old history,” said Superintendent Wade Smith. “This vote of confidence further inspires our team of passionate educators and support staff in their collective endeavor to educate, inspire, and engage all of Walla Walla's youth.”

Developing Washington's Most Sought-After Graduates

PERSONNEL  
REPORT

**EMPLOYMENT ...**

**Classified:**

KRYSTAL CERON | PARA-ED | WA-HI  
ANGELICA MIRONOV | PARA-ED (TEMP) | BLUE RIDGE  
NATHAN PAINE | PARA-ED | LINCOLN HS

**RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT ...**

**Classified:**

JIMMY AMUNDSON | PARA-ED | GREEN PARK, 1 YR  
SHANNON GINTER | PARA-ED | LINCOLN HS, 7 MONTHS  
CRYSTAL LARA RUIZ | BUS ASST | TRANS, 1.5 MONTHS  
CHRISTINE LYONS | HEALTH CL RN | HLTH SRVS, 1 YR

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE ...**

**Classified:**

BRENDA BERUMEN | PARA-ED | SHARPSTEIN, 16 YRS  
- STUDENT TEACHING - JANUARY - JUNE, 2019

**Quote of the Week**

“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”

William Butler Yeats

## Winter Weather Procedures

### School Closures and Delays due to poor weather conditions

As winter weather forecasts begin to appear, Walla Walla Public Schools reminds everyone safety is the primary factor for delaying or canceling school due to inclement weather. Driving of local roads, studying weather forecasts, and communicating with surrounding school districts are components included in this thoughtful process.

Decisions to delay or close school usually are made by 5:30 a.m. or earlier. This triggers the district’s comprehensive school closure/delay announcement plan. The district makes every effort to begin announcements by 6 a.m.

**Announcements include:**

- Media release (radio, tv, newspaper)
- SchoolMessenger notices to staff and parents (telephone, email, text)
- Web posting (www.wwps.org)
- Staff e-mail (Google staff e-mail)
- Enews message (sign up on the district website)
- District Facebook page (facebook.com/wwschools)
- Twitter message (twitter.com/wwschools)
- Orange signs posted in front of schools

### 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.”



### Veterans Day Holiday

There is no school Monday, November 12 in observance of Veterans Day.

### Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

- Early dismissal Wednesday, November 21
- No school Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23

### Wa-Hi Drama Presents - Hamlet

- Show Dates Nov 8-10, 15-17 @ 7 p.m. and Nov 10 & 17 @ 2 p.m.
- Tickets are available at the Wa-Hi ASB office, online at intouch.wwps.org and one hour prior to curtain.
- Tickets are \$12 adults/ \$6 students

The Wa-Hi Drama program has put a modern, punk rock spin on the classic tale of Shakespeare’s Hamlet complete with an original music score played by Wa-Hi students. The production is approximately two hours including intermission.

