

# Walla Walla Public Schools 10-10 Staff News



## School Board Meeting Recap | June 4, 2019

### Closer review shows high percentage of open enrolled elementary students

*Nearly 40 percent of students open enroll*

Last night Superintendent Wade Smith reviewed historical boundary changes and reviewed current student attendance per school as part of the school board's Elementary Consolidation Review and Early Learning Expansion study.

The report included data on the total attendance at district elementary schools. It also included the number of open enrolled students and the number of students who walk to school. This close examination of attendance revealed nearly 40 percent of students at district elementary schools are open enrolled and most schools don't have high percentages of students walking to school.

Superintendent Smith is utilizing new software now in place in the Transportation Department for establishing bus routes to pinpoint student household locations. He said this software will be critical for providing data if boundaries are adjusted.

Below is the table Superintendent Smith shared detailing current enrollment data.



Wade Smith

"Current attendance data reveals only a small percentage of elementary students are within walking distance to their school. Many choose to open enroll or are transported.

*Dr. Wade Smith, Superintendent*

### Building Capacity review

School board members also reviewed two scenarios to highlight the capacity implications of repurposing one of the district's elementary schools into an Early Learning Center. One option looked at converting one of the district's largest schools. This scenario would allow for seven general education classrooms for future growth. Converting one of the district's smallest elementary schools would leave 11 classrooms for growth.

Schools	Total Attendance	Open Enrolled	Attendance Area Students	Walkers ("Neighborhood")	% Walkers of School Pop
Berney	478	179	299	117	24.5%
Blue Ridge	293	87	206	54	18.4%
Edison Dual School	453	244	209	122	26.9%
Green Park	415	142	273	91	21.9%
Prospect Point	501	143	358	61	12.2%
Sharpstein	395	165	230	150	38.0%

### Board Meeting Highlights

#### CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL . . .

Minutes from the May 21, 2019 regular business meeting, personnel report, June 4 accounts payable and May payroll and surplus equipment and materials.

#### Early dismissal . . .

Elementary students will have early dismissal Friday to allow time for report card preparations. All students will dismiss early June 12 for the last day of school.

#### New exclusion MMR law . . .

- Washington state experienced a measles outbreak in 2019 with 81 confirmed cases.
- Based on this crisis, Governor Jay Inslee signed into law a change to the exemption law for the MMR vaccine.
- Personal exemptions to the requirement for two doses of MMR for all students will no longer be accepted as of July 28, 2019. There is NO grandfathering clause.
- Medical or religious exemptions are still granted for MMR.
- Personal exemptions are still granted for all other vaccine requirements.
- All WWPS students must have a passing Certificate of Immunization document, or a valid exemption form, signed by a physician, PRIOR to the first day of school or risk exclusion.

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# PERSONNEL REPORT

## EMPLOYMENT ...

### Certificated:

DEBORA AMBLER | 5TH GRADE, GREEN PARK  
 JOEL CHAVEZ | INTERIM PRINCIPAL, EDISON  
 GREGORY LUPFER | BUSINESS EDUCATION, WA-HI

## RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT ...

### Administrative:

MARK PICKEL | ASST PRINCIPAL, GARRISON MS, 8 YRS

### Classified:

JERRY FAILING | TRANSPORTATION, 12.5 YRS  
 SUZANNE LOUGY | BERNEY, 1 YR

### Quote of the Week

"Only a generation of readers will spawn a generation of writers."

Steven Spielberg

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE ...

### Certificated:

MONICA NELSON | WA-HI, 15 YRS  
 - FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR  
 MORGAN JO POYNOR | PIONEER MS, 5 YRS  
 - FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

### Transfer

Alba Biagi is currently the secretary to the assistant principal at Pioneer. For the 2019-2020 school year she will transfer to SEATech and serve as Secretary to the Director, Jerry Maher.

### Healthy Youth Survey

Walla Walla Public Schools has received results from the Healthy Youth Survey completed last fall by students in grades 6, 8, 10 and 12. Last night Executive Director of Teaching and Learning Christy Krutulis reported on the results. She said the district continues to focus on the social and emotional needs of students as part of Goal 3 of the district's five-year Strategic Plan.

The Healthy Youth Survey data revealed mental health, depression and suicidal thoughts remain prevalent in our society. Krutulis said the district's approach to addressing these issues is to provide support programs and trusting adults to connect with students. She highlighted the Sources of Strength program, Blue Devil Strong Club and Walla Walla County Reach Out program as examples of programs in place to support students. She said the district will ramp up mental health counseling and support.

## Graduates of Distinction

Dr. Tony Billingsley (1993), Peggy Blize Needham (1982), Scott Krivoshein (1983) and Mary Lux Stumph (1983) were inducted into the prestigious Graduates of Distinction program. Educators James Chubb (Needham), Dick Neher (Krivoshein), Johnnie Dennis (Billingsley) and Martha Lehnen (Stumph) were named Inspirational Staff members for having a significant influence in their lives. Needham is a risk prevention specialist and networker who always puts others first. Krivoshein is a financial business leader who dedicates his life to better the community. Stumph is a medical sales professional who values hard work and helping others. Billingsley is a medical caregiver who bases his career and service on relationships.



Scott Krivoshein, Peggy Blize Needham, Dr. Tony Billingsley and Mary Lux Stumph

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