

# 10-10 Staff News

School Board Meeting Recap »

September 3, 2019

## Success Targets 2018-2019 High School Performance Review



**Chris Gardea**  
Asst. Superintendent

Assistant Superintendent Chris Gardea shared the 2018-2019 High School Performance review with school board members last night during their monthly regular study meeting. The report was part of the regular communications and outreach linked to the district's five-year Strategic Plan.

Gardea's report focused on attendance targets, ninth grade success, student participation in activities and student behavior. He reported new strategies were implemented last year to help improve performance and more programs are in place this year to further promote success.

Lincoln High School and Walla Walla High School showed improvement in regular attendance rates over the prior year, but not enough to meet the target goal for the year. Last year, both schools monitored attendance weekly, mailed attendance letters, coordinated student support teams, administered assessments after five unexcused absences and reviewed petitions with court services. This year, once a week Wa-Hi's Flex period will focus on specific needs of each student and Lincoln HS has implemented an Alternative Learning Experience program featuring written learning plans and project based learning.

Ninth grade performance is being closely monitored at Wa-Hi and Lincoln to ensure students remain on track to graduating. Lincoln HS made significant gains from last year in the percentage of 9th grade students

### High School Performance Indicators: 2021-22 Targets

#### Target Goals

##### Attendance

- Reach 90% regular attendance

##### Ninth Grade On Track

- 85% pass all their courses

##### Monitor Performance

- Student Participation & Behavior

passing all their classes. Wa-Hi had a slight dip from last year. Both schools fell short of meeting the target goal for the year. This year Wa-Hi will expand its Flex period and implement the "Hire Me First" program to reinforce basic skills like punctuality and follow through.

High school participation in extracurricular activities continues to increase. Elimination of participation fees, reduced ASB fees and expanded program offerings are linked to this growth. This year an activities bus is being added to further eliminate barriers to participation.

Student behavior and discipline are also areas of focus in the district's Strategic Plan. The district has implemented districtwide staff training from representatives of the Community Resilience Initiative. Equity training is being introduced this year to enhance social and emotional support.

## Board Meeting Highlights

### APPROVED »

Minutes from the August 19, 2019 special meeting/school board retreat and August 20 regular business meeting, personnel report, extracurricular athletic contracts, Sept. 3 accounts payable and August payroll, and Wa-Hi Value Engineering Study report.

### ELEMENTARY STUDY»

Parent meeting planned to share findings of Elementary Consolidation and Early Learning Study.

School Board President Ruth Ladderud will lead the presentation and answer questions.

- Monday, Sept. 16
- 5:30 p.m. (English)
- 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)
- Blue Ridge Elementary
- Childcare provided

### SCIENCE BUILDING BIDS OPEN»

Walla Walla Public Schools and Jackson Contractor Group, Inc. announce the public bid process for the new state-of-the-art, 18,000 sq. ft. science building is now open.

The new science building will break ground in October. Sealed bids will be opened and publicly read at 3 p.m. (PST) September 19 at WWPS District Office (364 S. Park St).



**EMPLOYMENT ...**

**Certificated:**

EVA KATSEL | KINDERGARTEN, GREEN PARK  
HEIDI WILSON | KINDERGARTEN (TEMP), SHARPSTEIN

**Classified:**

SASHA AUSTIN | PARA-ED, BERNEY  
QUIARA AVALOS | PARA-ED (TEMP), GARRISON MS  
STEPHANIE HUSE | PARA-ED, BERNEY  
ROSALVA VAZQUEZ | PARA-ED, BLUE RIDGE

**Quote of the Week**

“Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom.”

George Washington Carver



**Jeannette Hayner Park ribbon cutting**

- Come celebrate the opening of Jeannette C. Hayner Park featuring the world’s largest London plane tree.
- Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 10 a.m.
- Walla Walla High School (Park is located on the southwest corner of the campus on Reser Road).
- Jeannette Hayner (1919-2010) was a former influential school board member and Washington State Representative and Senator.



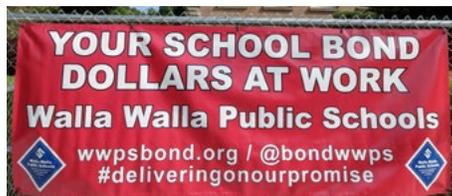
**Wa-Hi Science Building groundbreaking**

- Please join us as we break ground on our new Science Building. This amazing 18,000 sq. ft. facility features eight fully-functional laboratory classrooms
- Wednesday, October 2 at 10 a.m.
- 800 Abbott Road (Wa-Hi Campus)
- YourBondDollarsatWork / #deliveringonourpromise
- Bond Information: [wwpsbond.org](http://wwpsbond.org)
- Follow Us on Twitter @bondwwps

# Bond Project Update

## Berney project tops summer list

This summer the district completed approximately \$6M in bond projects, including \$3M at Berney Elementary for a new roof and heating and cooling system. Green Park Elementary also received a new roof. Safety and security was also a focus this summer as access control systems are being installed at schools across the district. Additional security fencing will also be constructed this fall at Garrison Middle School and Prospect Point Elementary.



**Wa-Hi Football**

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