

# 10-10 Staff News

School Board Meeting Recap »

June 1, 2021

## Educational Effectiveness

*District leaders dive into annual survey data*



The Center for Educational Effectiveness

Superintendent Dr. Wade Smith led a discussion on results from this year's Educational Effectiveness Survey (EES). Students in grades 4-12 took the survey earlier this year. Building-level staff also took the survey. This anonymous survey tool is used annually to help the district better serve parents, students and faculty. The pandemic pushed the traditional fall release date of the survey to the spring time, making it nearly 18 months between administrations.

Despite the pandemic, student input on topics like clear and shared focus, high standards and expectations, parent and community involvement and supportive learning environments improved this year.

Superintendent Smith noted the data suggests approximately 20 percent of students have struggled during the pandemic and need additional support. He said the district's Pandemic Recovery Plan addresses these needs and the district will use the annual



**Dr. Wade Smith**  
Superintendent

**"This survey provides the district powerful data which will help district office leaders and principals better support students and staff needs."**

*Dr. Wade Smith, Superintendent*

survey data to continue to better support its students.

Staff noted in their responses the pandemic greatly impacted their access to professional development. Superintendent Smith reported the district's Pandemic Recovery Plan also includes a variety of professional development opportunities for staff, and professional growth of staff remains a high priority for the school district.

## Board Meeting Highlights

### APPROVED »

Minutes from May 18 regular business meeting, personnel report, extracurricular athletic contracts, June 1 accounts payable and May payroll and 2021-2022 student insurance.

### BUDGET UPDATE »

Last night Superintendent Smith and Director of Fiscal Services Nancy Taylor provided school board members an update on the development of the \$88.9M 2021-2022 General Fund Budget.

This year's dip in enrollment, which follows a statewide trend related to COVID, is creating about a \$1.6M revenue shortfall for the coming school year. Currently the district is basing the budget on 5575 FTE students which represents a "roll up" of students enrolled this year.

Superintendent Smith said he is recommending using federal COVID recovery dollars to backfill the budget shortfall for 2021-2022. He said he is hopeful some of the students who didn't show up this year will return in the fall to also help ease the deficit. Superintendent Smith reported the district is also carefully researching where students who didn't attend this school year are at now as part of an outreach plan.

The 2021-2022 budget will maintain a fund balance within the board mandated range of 6 to 8 percent. Board members will approve the budget in August.

### EARLY DISMISSAL - K5 ONLY »

Elementary students will dismiss early Friday, June 11 to allow time for report card preparation. The last day of school is June 18.

## Graduates of Distinction returns with in-person ceremony

Following a one-year hiatus in 2020 due to COVID, the district is resuming its prestigious Graduates of Distinction program with an in-person ceremony at the Marcus Whitman Hotel Monday, June 7 at 4 p.m. This year's honorees are: Elizabeth "Libby" Frazier, Class of 1973; Judith Ann Huntington, Class of 1964; Garth Lindsey, Class of 1962; Mike Monahan; Class of 1960, Allison Bingham, PhD; Class of 1977, and Kathy Covey; Class of 1973. This is the highest honor bestowed by the district.

These individuals have distinguished themselves in their communities and careers, and they continue to bring honor to the district. Celebrate alongside these distinguished alumni at a reception in their honor on Monday, June 7 (details listed below). Listen to their stories and hear who helped shape their lives during their school years. Due to COVID restrictions, seating is limited. If you are interested in attending, contact Susie Golden – [sgolden@wwps.org](mailto:sgolden@wwps.org) / (509) 526-6715.

**EMPLOYMENT ...****Certificated:**

JENNIFER ACEVES | DUAL LANG (2021-22), EDISON  
 ROBIN BROWN | MATH (2021-22), GARRISON MS  
 ITSEL CORONA MADRIGAL | COUNSELOR (2021-22), TBD  
 DAVID CRESS SOLIS | TEACHER (2021-22), BERNEY  
 RACHEL ENG | PRE SCH SPEC ED (2021-22), WWCCF  
 DAKOTAH FRYATT | MATH (2021-22), PIONEER MS  
 BRENDAN KING | CTE/STEM (2021-22), WA-HI  
 AMANDA MEYER | MATH (2021-22), WA-HI  
 KATIE MIRKOVICH | TEACHER (2021-22), GREEN PARK  
 BRANDY ROSS | LAP TEACHER (2021-22), EDISON

**Classified:**

LIZETH ESPANA | HS ASSOC TEACHER (21-22), WWCCF  
 HELEN FREER | HS ASSOC TEACHER (21-22), WWCCF

**RESIGNATION/RETIREMENTS ...****Certificated:**

KIMBERLY BUTENHOFF | SPECIAL EDUCATION, 29 YRS  
 ANNE SCHULZ | WA-HI, 9 YRS

**Classified:**

STEPHANIE HUSE | BERNEY, 2 YRS  
 MELITO RAMIREZ | WA-HI, 22 YRS  
 DANELLY SALGADO | EDISON, 5 YRS

**Quote of the Week**

“The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn ...and change.”

Carl Rogers

**Fairgrounds to host graduation ceremonies***All events LIVE streamed by Blue Devil Northwest*

Last night Facilities and Operations Director Mike Kay and Wa-Hi Principal Ron Higgins briefed school board members on plans for this year's in-person graduation ceremonies at the Walla Walla County Fairgrounds. Kay is managing event logistics and operations. He praised WW County Commissioners, fairgrounds officials, Sheriff's Department staff and the Health Department for their support and partnership to ensure these events could be held safely in-person. Wa-Hi's ceremony will conclude with a fireworks show to salute the Class of 2021. Contact principals regarding ticket allocations.

**Lincoln High School Graduation**

- Thursday, June 10 / 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- WW Fairgrounds (Southwest grass lot west of VIP building)
- LIVE STREAM LINK - <http://bdnw.live/lincoln>

**Walla Walla High School Commencement & Fireworks Show**

- Friday, June 11 / 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Fireworks show at conclusion of the ceremony – approximately 9 p.m.
- WW Fairgrounds Grandstands (Use Tietan St. entrance and parking lot)
- LIVE STREAM LINK - <http://bdnw.live/wahi>

**Opportunity Program Graduation**

- Tuesday, June 15 / 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Walla Walla County Fairgrounds (Pepsi Stage)
- LIVE STREAM LINK - <http://bdnw.live/opportunity>

NOTE: All ceremonies will be LIVE Streamed by Blue Devil Northwest

**School Vaccine Clinics**

Walla Walla Public Schools is hosting four, 2nd shot clinics over the next two weeks at district schools.

**Walla Walla High School**

- June 4
- 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. / Large gym

**Lincoln High School**

- June 6
- 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon / Gym

**Pioneer Middle School**

- June 11
- 9 to 11 a.m. / Big Tent

**Garrison Middle School**

- June 11
- 1 to 3 p.m. / Gym

- All students MUST have a signed parent consent form unless 18-years-old
- Pre-registration is encouraged using the QR code for your school, but is not required
- Students who did not receive the first shot are welcome to start the series
- Students 12 years + are eligible for the 2 shot Pfizer vaccine
- Family or community members interested in being vaccinated are welcome to walk-in