

To: Dr. Mahoney  
Board of Education  
From: Heidi Deininger  
Re: Board Report  
Date: 1/9/2023



### **Some important dates:**

Prom- Saturday April 29

Graduation on Sunday, May 21 at 1:00 PM (we moved it to a Sunday to avoid IHSA state track conflicts)

### **Academics**

As we close the semester, our students experienced some positive academic gains.

#### **High School**

Of note, two metrics that determine our rating as a school were very strong.

*Freshmen on Track* – we ended the semester with a 95% on track rate. This is important, as our freshmen on track rate from last year was only 84%. This is a target area for us at OJSHS.

*Graduation Rate* – we ended the semester projecting a 99% graduation rate. At this moment, we have one students off-track towards on-time graduation.

*Other data of note:* Students have show 10-15% growth on writing benchmark(ThinkCerca) and 15-20 points of growth on iXL diagnostics (math skill-building resource)

#### **Junior High**

The junior high team spent a significant amount of time intervening with some of our most at-risk students the last month of the first semester. Their efforts led to great success for all students.

90% of our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students &

85% of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students ended the semester passing ALL of their classes.

Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are also utilizing the writing and math skill-building tools. Their growth is also strong.

7<sup>th</sup> grade iXL (Math) 144 pts growth/ ELA 161 pts of growth 7<sup>th</sup> grade ThinkCerca (writing) 23% growth

8<sup>th</sup> grade iXL (Math) 37 pts growth /ELA 15 points 8<sup>th</sup> grade ThinkCerca (writing) 12% growth

### **Student Activities**

- The high school musical “The Addams Family” is cast and will be performed March 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. We are grateful for the time and effort being poured into this by the directors
- The junior high play, “12 Incompetent Jurors” is cast and will be performed March 17<sup>th</sup>-March 19<sup>th</sup>. As a reminder, this is student-led production. High School students choose the script, the cast and direct the play (there is a staff advisor, but they do not direct)
- Our Hawk Huddles are actively working on their service projects. Part of our SIP was to have every Hawk Huddle complete a service project this year. There are many great projects that are occurring or will occur throughout the year. Here is a list of projects that are happening:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1H2TS2n22PG\\_ZAvELMWqiPfq7kBuvtrxFa\\_viSNy5lqI/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1H2TS2n22PG_ZAvELMWqiPfq7kBuvtrxFa_viSNy5lqI/edit#gid=0)

## **School Improvement Plan Highlights**

### **Oregon Junior/Senior High School SIP 2022-2023**

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#### **Highlights:**

- Academics
  - Departments are engaged in SAT practice at all grade levels; junior high recently gave the MAP winter benchmark, so we will know how we are progressing towards our junior high academic goals.
- Climate/Culture
  - We have a Parent/Administrator forum coming up on January 18 from 5-6:00 in the OJSHS library
- Professional Growth
  - Teachers are becoming more familiar with ways to incorporate some of our on-line resources into their instruction. In particular, iXL and ThinkCerca have become integrated as ways to work on skills and help with student growth.

#### **The Leader in Me – Teacher Spotlight- Kristen Lookingland**

- The “Shared Leadership” team for Leader in Me activities (Dave Boyer, John Bothe, Broc Kundert, Mike Lawton, and Sue Braden) have created an athletic leadership council that includes student athlete leaders. The council has met three times and have discussed culture within our athletic programs, as well as ideas for making our programs stronger. It has been great to see the council developed and implemented.

#### **Professional Development**

- On Wednesday, Jan 11, the entire staff will work with ThinkCerca to understand their recent benchmark data and determine areas for future instruction/needed growth. Our coach from ThinkCerca, Eric Austin, will be discussing all results (7-12) and helping teachers plan for curricular adjustments/enhancements to keep working on improvement of writing.

#### **Looking Ahead**

The next month will bring many exciting and important events for OJSHS.

- We will begin scheduling for the 2023-2024 school year. We start with seniors.
- District-wide, teachers will be meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> to share their first semester benchmark data and discuss vertical alignment (by content area)
- We will be celebrating junior high students of the quarter (Jan 19, 8:00/OJSHS gym)
- We will be cheering on our OCEC friends in their basketball game (Jan 20, 10:00 AM/BHC)
- We will have our rising freshmen (current 8<sup>th</sup> graders) and their families attend an information night about high school
- Our 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will meet to discuss and plan for the transition of 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to OJSHS.