

To: Dr. Mahoney  
Board of Education  
From: Heidi Deininger  
Re: October Board Report  
Date: October 12, 2021



## **Academics**

- First quarter is coming to an end.
- Freshmen English students completed their first ThinkCerca writing benchmark. We are currently working to score the benchmark and determine areas for instructional focus.
- 77% of OHS students are passing all of their classes
- Students are taking the practice SAT in grades 9-11 on November 4th
- School improvement plan: [Oregon High School 2021-2022 School Improvement Plan](#)

## **Student Happenings**

- Student council put on a blood drive on Wednesday, October 5
- 37 students and staff were able to donate over 300 pints of blood!
- The marching Hawks placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Marengo band competition on October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 15% of OHS students have signed into Paper (24 hour tutoring service) at least once; we have five students who have signed in more than 10 times

## **The Leader in Me**

- OHS staff participated in LIM training on the school improvement day (October 8)
- Our LIM trainer, Kelli White, lead us through the 4 Disciplines of Execution overview and then helped us understand why/how to set our Wildly Important Goal (WIG)
- Here is an example of a LIM lesson to be used during Hawk Huddle [Student self-efficacy](#)
- Feel free to join us any Monday during Hawk Huddle (10:35-11:10) to observe our Leader in Me lessons

## **Professional Development**

- OHS School improvement team designed the professional development activities for our SIP day October 8
- The team decided to focus on special education accommodations/modifications, Schoology, College & Career Readiness, instructional strategies, equity, mindfulness, teaching & learning and resilience.
- Overall, survey results were positive. Staff commented that they appreciated the time to collaborate with their peers and consider ways to implement what they learned into their classrooms. One suggestion was to make the break-out sessions longer.
- Shannon Cremeens and Dr. Deininger will be attending the Illinois Principals Conference October 24-26. Ms. Cremeens and Mr. Huels are presenting a workshop.
- Dr. Deininger and Kim Radostits are presenting a workshop at the Raising Student Achievement Conference in Schaumburg in December.



### **Equity Work**

- *Oregon High School is more diverse than ever; the work we are doing around equity is extremely important so every single student in our school feels that they belong here and are respected for being whomever they are*
- OHS has committed to doing some diversity and equity projects at least twice throughout the school year; we recently designed a bulletin board/display case for Hispanic Heritage month
- Mrs. Taylor (fka Leamanczyk) is leading a staff book study around the book “The Hate You Give” (a fictional book that tackles many issues occurring in our society) The desired outcome of this book study is simply conversation and awareness of our own story and journey; we currently have 12 OHS staff members involved in this group. The discussion has been rich and meaningful.
- The district-wide equity team is meeting, virtually, with our EEC facilitator on September 27. We will be focusing on our own personal journey with equity and how we can use it to guide our work in schools
- The EEC facilitator will be in Oregon on Nov 9<sup>th</sup> to work with our team in person
- If you are interested, here is their website for more information about the Educational Equity Consultants <http://eec4justice.com/>