

## Extracurricular

# PROGRAM UPDATE



*HSD Connected: Every student known by name, strength and need*

Fall 2017

### Thank You and Vision

Thank you to all our HSD staff who have created opportunities beyond the academic day through your role as a coach, advisor or director! Our vision in HSD is to know every student by name, strength and need—in which extracurriculars plays a big part. Having each student be “HSD Connected” by being involved in at least one extracurricular at their school each year is our goal. The value of youth being connected and feeling accepted at school is immeasurable. Thank you to all of you who dedicate yourself to making these opportunities happen for our Hillsboro youth.

### Bond Update

HSD and our Political Action Committee have launched a campaign to provide Hillsboro residents with information about our upcoming bond measure. If the bond is passed, the funding will greatly enhance our extracurricular facility options in Hillsboro! The buildout of facilities on the bond will cover a four-year span, but turf fields with lights could be installed as early as summer 2018. For more information on the bond, visit [hillsboro-bond.org](http://hillsboro-bond.org).

### OSAA Reclassification

Every four years, the Oregon Schools Activities Association (OSAA) goes through a reclassification process that affects league alignment for high schools. This fall, the process began for determining league alignments for the next four-year cycle of 2018-22. HSD has been very active in this process, submitting both written and verbal testimony during each monthly OSAA hearing. On Oct. 16, the OSAA board finalized the league alignments. Starting next fall, Century, Glencoe, and Liberty will be part of the new 6A Pacific Conference, joining Forest Grove, McMinnville, Newberg, and Sherwood. Hilhi will remain in the 5A Northwest Oregon Conference. Go to [www.osaa.org](http://www.osaa.org) for more information about reclassification.

### Transportation

With the uptick in the economy, there is a nationwide shortage of drivers with commercial driver's licenses (CDLs), which also impacts HSD in our ability to find school bus drivers. The demand for CDL drivers is also driving higher wages, which means higher financial commitments in the midst of already-tight budgets. Currently, a Transportation committee is exploring all available options to improve our Transportation Department's capabilities.

### Anchor Sponsors

HSD has raised \$80,000 through the Anchor Sponsorship program. Anchor Sponsors are reputable businesses that purchase district advertising rights. The fee for this sponsorship is matched

by a private donor, doubling the financial impact to extracurricular programming. Funds will be dispersed out to schools to support extracurricular programming this fall.

### Synergy Tracking

As part of our efforts to make sure students are connected in school, we are working on a more comprehensive system in Synergy to capture students' participation in extracurriculars. The goals are to make enhancements in Synergy, start utilizing the system this year, monitor student levels of participation, and use this data to assess participation rates and any barriers to participation.

### Positive Coaching Alliance

This fall we had over 400 parents participate in the Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) Second Goal Parent. The goal with PCA is to not only strive to win, but to also strive to make athletics/activities a development zone where lessons are learned that will persist long after scoreboard numbers fade from memory. Parents are a huge partner in helping coaches make a positive culture.

### STEAM Programs

Thank you to all of our STEAM coaches who have worked so hard to provide programming at all levels. We have nearly doubled our student participation from the 2015-16 school year to 2016-17!

### Stipend Committee

A stipend committee was formed last spring to do an analysis of our stipend practices in HSD. The committee analyzed neighboring districts and is working on putting together a recommendation to be considered during the labor bargaining process that begins in January.

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