Superintendent’s Message

We need your input regarding Dayton Schools, property taxes, and a possible bond to update and improve our school facilities. Please take our survey on the District website that opens on November 26th, 2018. Your input is critical for our planning, as Dayton schools are community assets. Our School Board wants to know your thoughts about how to best care for our schools, while also doing what the community desires.

During the last year, the Dayton School Board and a District Facilities Committee have been working to assess our facilities and identify a long-range plan for the future. While school district staff does everything possible to maintain our current facilities so that they are safe and productive learning environments for our students, there is never enough funding allocated in the general budget to make larger needed repairs and upgrades. For this reason, the District is considering a replacement bond to be put on the May 2019 ballot. This bond would replace one that was passed 20 years ago that will retire in June of 2019. This replacement bond is estimated to not raise any homeowner property taxes. This replacement bond would generate $11 million in capital improvement funds to be used for maintenance, upgrades, and improvements to current facilities. The ultimate focus of these funds is to ensure the usability and longevity of our current district buildings. Additionally, it is possible that the passage of a replacement bond would generate an additional $4 million in state grant funding, potentially allowing for $15 million total dollars for the Dayton schools and community. The District is also seeking a seismic grant and energy funds to maximize improvements to our facilities.

We have needs in safety and security, energy savings upgrades, and educational programming to our facilities, and are considering bond projects such as:

- Upgrading safety and security systems by reorganizing front entry spaces, and adding card key access and fencing.
- Upgrading our fire alarm systems that are 3-4 code cycles out of date.
- Removing and replacing all of the single pane windows (approx. 85% of the current windows; some of which are also boarded over), making the classrooms cooler when it is very hot and saving heating dollars in the winter when it is cold. This would also bring in more natural light, adding to the health and productivity of the learning environment.
- Updating each school library creating spaces that support learning in the 21st Century.
- Upgrading ADA supports (i.e. handicap access), improving two special education spaces, and replacing bleachers in HS old gym.
- Removing asbestos flooring and improving electrical, lighting, and technology.

The school district is also considering an additional proposal which would potentially build a building for innovations and career and technical education. The building would support the District’s nationally ranked FFA program, and would include makers spaces; lab, art, music, and video facilities; and a pitch room that would allow students to propose small business ideas. Please let us know, using the survey, what your opinion is regarding a potential new building. Again, I, and your School Board truly wish to represent your desires.

The online survey will be available on the district website November 26th and will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Paper copies of the survey will also be available at the School District Office. Please share your thoughts and opinions. Please email at jason.hay@dayton.k12.or.us or call me at 503-864-2215 if you have questions. Thank you.

Jason Hay, Superintendent
Dayton School District
School Board News

Our School Board recently met during a Work Session to discuss the process for the Superintendent’s Evaluation, as well as a process for evaluating their own School Board performance. Next steps for facilities and potential bond planning were also discussed. The community survey was finalized and all members in the Dayton community will be encouraged to take the survey starting November 26th.

During the regular Board meeting, reports were given from the Superintendent, the Student Body President, the school Principals, and a group that includes Assistant Principal Dana Symons and our School Counselors sharing information about social emotional learning. Information was also given about the School State Report Cards, information that can be found on our District website. The Board adopted the process and timeline for the Superintendent’s Evaluation, the Board Self Evaluation Process, and two different overnight fieldtrip requests.

The December School Board meeting will be on December 11, 2018, at 7:00 PM in the District Board Room. The January meeting will be on January 8th, 2019, at 7:00 PM.

Safe Zones for Students at the Junior High and High School

Parents and guardians, please do not pick up students by parking on the opposite side of Ferry Street and or 9th Street. This forces your child to cross the street during the busiest time of the day and it creates an unsafe situation for students.

Instead, please use our on-campus parking lots on the 8th Street side of campus when picking up and dropping off your students in private vehicles. These lots are the new Gym parking lot; the Commons/Lunch and Breakfast parking lot; and the driveway near the Old Gym and the Band Room. Thank you.

Pirate Network – Parent Nights

Attention all parents and Dayton community! Watch the movie Screenagers followed by discussion and resources to help you navigate the digital world with your kids. Join Dayton Junior High/High School for an all inclusive parent night. Translation, childcare and movie snacks are provided. This is a time to meet with school staff, to be informed and collaborate for the success of our students.

Tuesday, January 22, 2019
6:00 – 8:00 PM
High School Old Gym

School Board Appreciation

Thank you to the Dayton School Board for their hard work and dedication in serving our schools and our community. January is School Board Appreciation Month, the official time to recognize our School Board members who donate countless hours to ensure the success of the Dayton Schools. Please join us in recognizing the volunteer service that Pam Horst, Debbie Kearns, Isaac Kearns, Francisco Montelongo, Raylinda Price, Teresa Shelburne, and Reba Stoller give to the Dayton School District.
Important Information

View our District Website: www.daytonk12.org

Visit our website! Important information including sports schedules, bus routes, lunch menus and the school calendar, are located on the District’s new website: www.daytonk12.org and on each of the school’s websites. For sports schedule details, call Dayton High School, 503-864-2273, ext 521.

Important District Calendar Dates

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 – 7:00 PM Regular Board Meeting, Board Room
Thursday, December 13, 2018 – 7:00 PM Junior High/High School Winter Program
Tuesday, December 18, 2018 – 7:00 PM Grade School Winter Program A
Wednesday, December 19, 2018 – 7:00 PM Grade School Winter Program B
Tuesday, January 8, 2019 – 7:00 PM Regular Board Meeting, Board Room
Monday, January 21, 2019 – No School, Martin Luther King Jr Birthday
    Thursday, January 31, 2019 – No School, Inservice Day
    Friday, February 1, 2019 – No School, Grading Day

School Closure and Delay Information

In the event of possible school delay or closure due to inclement weather, unsafe road conditions, or other circumstances, our district will activate the School Messenger automated call system to notify you. A decision will be made as early as possible to open schools on time, to delay the starting time, or to close schools.

Dayton School District wants you to know that in weather closure situations this winter, we will post “Closed” rather than a list of everything that is cancelled. If you see “Closed” for our district, it means that no district activities will take place and buildings will be locked. If an event or activity will go on, we will state specifically which event or activity will take place.

Dayton School District Flash Alert: www.flashalert.net/id/daytonsd
Dayton FFA
Holiday Wreath and Centerpiece Sales

We are now taking orders for:

Fir Christmas Wreaths
12” ............ $16.00
16” ............ $20.00

Centerpieces
$15.00

Orders can be made by calling the Dayton Ag Shop. To order by phone, contact Mitch Coleman or Claire Coleman at 503-864-2273, ext. 594, or email: claire.coleman@dayton.k12.or.us. Pick up dates are December 1-15 in the Ag Shop from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM, or by appointment.

District and School State Report Cards

The District and School State Report Cards can be accessed on the Dayton School District website: www.daytonk12.org. On the home page, click on Our District and State Report Cards. Please contact the District Office if you would like a paper copy.

Mesaje Importante
El School Scene ya está disponible en Español. Si le gustaría recibir esta hoja informativa en Español, por favor comuníquese al 503-864-2273 o envíe una nota a la oficina de la escuela.