Superintendent’s Message

Dayton and specifically the Dayton Schools value both legacy and a future-forward viewpoint of innovation. I have recently viewed evidence of both legacy and innovation when I attended the FFA Banquet. What a wonderful event! It not only celebrated the accomplishments of our current Ag and FFA students but also indirectly showcased the accomplishments of past students, like the master of ceremonies Luke Wildhaber. It is so easy to see the incredible, nearly 30 year, impact that Mitch Coleman has had here in Dayton! The event was a great time while also raising thousands of dollars for the program’s future. My wife and I really enjoyed oursevles- and also ate some fantastic food!

Student safety starts in the very structure of our buildings. We propose working on creating safer learning environments for the children in Dayton. Knowing that construction costs would be high, I sought out multiple grant opportunities (Two $25k state technical assistance grants, one $2.5 million seismic upgrade grant for earthquake safety, and one $4 million bond matching grant) and worked with a facilities committee to identify projects for the proposed Bond Measure.

Great news! Dayton School District was recently awarded $2.5 million for the seismic grant. The nearly six-month process included securing a $25,000 technical assistance grant from the state. This was to contract with an engineering firm to conduct an assessment for our three schools. This $2.5 million grant would allow us to make upgrades to our Grade School to ensure that our students and staff would be safe during an earthquake (this grant is not dependent on the bond passing). As an aside, the assessment referenced above identified potential upgrades at the high school. That project would cost over $3.5 million and would require funds above the maximum $2.5 million available in future grant funding we would seek in the fall of 2019. If the bond passes, the bond plan would include a contingency for that additional $1 million above a possible $2.5 million we could receive.

Why was this referred to the voters at this time? Three main reasons, 1) There are projects that the general operations fund cannot cover, 2) we have a bond retiring allowing for a new bond to be considered by the voters. If the bond passes, property taxes would remain the same, and 3) we qualify for a matching funds grant of $4 million that is only available to us now and is not guaranteed in the future.

If the bond passes, it would fund upgrades and repairs that cannot be accomplished with regular funding. If the $11 million bond passes, it would guarantee an additional $4 million in state grant funding. This would bring $15 million to our district without raising estimated property taxes. The expected rate is $1.37 per $1,000 assessed value. $17.5 million total when combined with the $2.5 million seismic grant! If the bond passes, the funds would serve kids by maintaining and retaining the current facilities. If the measure does not pass, no additional assessment would be made. Also, if the bond does not pass, the following projects would not be completed: Update classrooms and libraries; repair outdated boilers; upgrade windows, entry security and visibility, security systems, fire alarms; add ADA restrooms, fencing, key card access, cameras and emergency power back-up capability; upgrade and repair flooring, ceilings, roofs, electrical, plumbing, and HVAC systems.

Related to the above, I would like to ask who would have a desire to help guide the proposed bond management for our school buildings. If the bond passes, I would put together a bond oversight committee that would work with our bond project manager, School Board, and myself to oversee the expenditure of bond funds. This is to keep both me and the School Board accountable. Please look for an application on our website after May 22nd, if the measure passes, if you are interested in being a part of this committee.

Thank you for your consistent and generous support of the Dayton School District.

All my best,

Jason Hay
School Board News

I want to thank two Board members for their years of service. Francisco Montelongo and Teresa Shelburne have completed their terms and have chosen to not seek re-election. Both have selflessly served our Board and our District for many years, and have done so with such grace and integrity. They listened carefully. They asked good questions and spoke thoughtfully on issues. Francisco and Teresa, it has truly been an honor to work with you.

Thank you! –Jason Hay

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week
May 6-10

Join us in thanking our teachers and staff for making a positive difference in the lives of our students!

Grade School Field Day and Spring Showcase

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Field Day
Morning

Spring Showcase
1:00 PM
Grade K-4

(Fifth grade students will be on their end-of-the-year 5th grade celebration field trip.)

Dayton FFA Nursery

We are Open Now!

Hours:
Tuesday through Thursday,
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Friday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Saturday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Closed Sunday and Monday

Corner of 8th and Church St
Behind Dayton High School
503-864-2080

2018-2019 Calendar Revision

This is a reminder that the School Board met recently and discussed how to make up some of the lost instructional hours due to our inclement Weather Days. Friday, May 24th will now be a regular school day.

Grade School Assembly
Friday, May 10th
1:45 PM
5th Grade May Pole
5th Grade Beginning Band
Folkloric Dancers

Please join us as we celebrate May!
(Our traditional Spring Showcase will be on Tuesday, June 11 at 1:00 PM for grades K-4.)

Kindergarten Celebration

Tuesday, June 11

6:00 PM
Dayton Grade School
Cafeteria/Commons

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.
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 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, May 14, 2019 – Budget Meeting, 6:00 PM, followed by
   Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Board Room
Monday, May 27, 2019 – No School, Memorial Day
Tuesday, June 11, 2019 – Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 PM in the Board Room
   Wednesday, June 12, 2019 – Last Day of School for Students
   Early Release:  Grade School – 11:50 AM; Junior High/High School – 12:05 PM

You are invited to the
Grade School Family Fun Fair
5:30-7:30 PM, Friday, May 17th
Presented by the PTSO

Food That’s In…When School is Out
Dayton Summer Food Service
June 17 – August 9, 2019
   Monday – Friday
Dayton Junior High & High School Commons
   801 Ferry Street, Dayton, OR
The summer Food Service Program for Children provides nutritious meals when school is out.
Your child can continue to grow and learn during the summer and be nutritionally ready when school starts in the fall.
   •  Breakfast served from 9:00-9:30 AM.
   •  Lunch served from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM.
   •  Children ages 1 – 18 eat at no charge.
   •  All children are welcome and encouraged to participate.
   •  This is a great way to teach preschool children how to make choices of their own, carry their own tray and eat a meal with new people.
   •  Adults eat for $3.00.
If you have questions, please feel free to call
   Pam Johnson at 503-864-2273 or email pam.johnson@dayton.k12.or.us.
The United States Department of Agriculture and the State of Oregon prohibit discrimination in all USDA programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability.
This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

All are invited to a
Town Hall Meeting
Monday, May 6, 7:00 PM at the Dayton Fire Hall
District facilities committee members will be presenting information on the upcoming bond measure. School board candidates will also be in attendance and have a brief time to speak about their vision for the school district and why they are running for the school board. There will be a meet and greet time at the end of the session for questions to be asked of individuals.