



DISTRICT DIALOG

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER



Dr. Karen Gray
Superintendent
LCSD

Dear Lincoln County Community,

I am very happy to be here! Everywhere I go I meet people who are genuine, friendly and super warm. I am so impressed with the numbers of partnerships that have been developed between the school district and local programs and agencies. It feels like everyone knows that we cannot do our best in serving all of our children, families and community without our partners. I just hope I can keep them all straight in my head!

During these lovely summer months, we have been hard at work getting the new Teaching and Learning Center (aka "old pool") ready for use this school year. This building will be a place for the development and

implementation of important educational programming for the district. It will also host a community room that partners from our area can use for meetings and activities. Seismic upgrades are in full swing, we are remodeling some classrooms for our new early learning programs in Toledo and Waldport and all of our schools are hard at work getting ready for our kids.

Our school district is rolling out a new full-service registration, combining online and in person support starting on August 7th in Waldport. There will be a way to register completely online as well as in-school options. Please see our website for more information. Much work has gone into this process and we are trying diligently to make it useful and efficient.

Thank you all for making me feel so welcome and wanted. I will work my hardest to be the kind of superintendent to walk in the shoes of retiring superintendent Tom Rinearson.

Sincerely,

Karen F. Gray



Indoor shot of the seismic work at Newport High School gym.



Renovation of the old pool into the Teaching and Learning Center.



Outdoor shot of the seismic work at Sam Case Elementary.

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BOARD CHAIR MESSAGE



Amanda Remund, Board Chair, wields the gavel

Welcome Lincoln County students, families, and staff to the 2018/2019 school year! I am Amanda Remund, your Lincoln County School Board Representative from South County and your newly elected Board Chairman. It is going to be a fantastic school year.

The LCSD Board has five directors representing the five areas within the school district. We are all volunteer, elected officials, who serve four-year terms. Your school board has the responsibility of governing the school district. Some of the things we are responsible for are maintaining policies, approving the budget, approving employment contracts, and hiring the superintendent.

The superintendent is the Chief Executive Officer of the district and is responsible for managing the district as directed by the board and board policy. Dr. Karen Gray, our new superintendent, started on June 18. She has years of experience, fresh ideas, and a big heart for our students, our families, and our communities!

LCSD Board holds monthly board meetings on the second Tuesday of every month, in various schools around the county. All business conducted by the board is done in meetings opened to the public. I invite you to attend a board meeting when you can. You may find a schedule of our meetings on the district web site, lincoln.k12.or.us.

I love our schools. Both of my kids attended Waldport schools and graduated from Waldport High. I enjoyed being a classroom helper, assisting with fundraisers, field trips, and anything else. I am on the Waldport Booster Board and look forward to being a classroom helper next year at Crestview. If you would like to volunteer, I encourage you to check with any one of our 13 schools to see what they are doing and how you can help. We have great schools with amazing teachers and staff who always need volunteers!

I hope you can attend one of our schools' sporting events, drama productions, recitals, family nights, or any of the many fun activities that are scheduled throughout the year.

Have a great school year!

OCCC AND LCSD LAUNCH NEW 'GROW YOUR OWN' TEACHING DEGREE PROGRAM

Dave Price, Director Small Business Development & Community Education, Oregon Coast Community College

To teach is to help build a better community for future generations. For too many local students, though, the cost of the four-year degree necessary to become a teacher is too great, despite the attractive wages and benefits packages available in the profession.

Now, students who aspire to become elementary school teachers right here at home in Lincoln County have a new pathway to follow to achieve their dream.

Thanks to a grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust and through partnerships with the Lincoln County School District, Western Oregon University, and Tillamook Bay Community College, Oregon Coast Community College is launching a new elementary school teacher education program this fall. The announcement follows the revelation last spring that Winter 2019 would also see the launch of OCCC's first Early Childhood Education degree and certificate programs.

"Ever since I came to Oregon Coast Community College four years ago," said Birgitte Ryslinge, President of OCCC, "I've heard from county residents, employers, and agencies asking for better, more affordable, and more accessible teaching and early childhood education degrees and certificates. I'm so pleased that, after a great deal of work, we're able to announce the launch of this program."



Billboard along HWY 101.

EARN A TEACHING DEGREE

The new program is designed to help Lincoln County "grow its own" teachers, by supporting local students as they work towards their teaching degrees and assisting them in student-teaching and eventual full-time job placement here in Lincoln County. The goal is to help the school district recruit and retain teachers who are familiar with and grounded in Lincoln County and, through targeted outreach to underrepresented populations, help increase the diversity of teachers in K-12 classrooms to better reflect the demographics of the student population.

"Through this program, students will be able to earn the first two years of a Western Oregon University bachelor's degree in education, by earning an Associate of Arts

Oregon Transfer Degree (AAOT) here at OCCC," said Dan Lara, OCCC's Dean of Academics and Workforce.

In the third year of the program, students will transition to Western Oregon, where they will study for an academic year. In the fourth and final year of the program, students achieving minimum performance standards will be placed into student-teaching positions by the Lincoln County School District while they continue remaining WOU courses online. Upon graduation and certification by the state, program participants will receive preferential consideration for open teaching positions in the school district.

Lara said Lincoln County students may be able to arrange schedules so that they can continue living and working

at home while commuting to courses at WOU during that third year.

"And," he continued, "the automatic placement into student teaching positions in the fourth year of the program means this could be the quickest way for local residents to launch a rewarding career. We're thankful to the Meyer Memorial Trust for their support in delivering this innovative new option for local students."

Registration is now open for these programs. To learn more, call 541-867-8501 or schedule an appointment with an academic advisor, at oregoncoastcc.org/advising-appointments.



TWO POWERFUL TIPS TOWARDS KINDERGARTEN SUCCESS

Charlotte Galen, Veteran Kindergarten Teacher and Fellow Parent, Mentor Teacher



Newport Cubby Preschool Graduates (starting Kindergarten in Fall 2018).

- 1. Build routines at home.** Start now with a set bedtime (7:30 or 8:00 p.m. are not too early). Establish a set of tasks that your child does at bedtime each night (i.e. bath, pj's, brush teeth, etc.). Wake your child at the time they will be getting up for school. Have set tasks for your child to do every morning as well (i.e. choose clothes, get dressed, put on shoes, brush teeth, etc.). These routines may be challenging at first, but your child will start to feel capable and responsible by having to complete these tasks. Instead of you monitoring every step of the routines, create a checklist with pictures for your child to follow. Then set a timer to check in and see if the tasks are complete. This will make your life much easier when school starts.
- 2. Share your joy and excitement about school.** Begin having conversations about school with your child. Be careful to only share positive experiences. Tell your child about the adults at the school that will take care of him/her. Have your child tell you his/her fears and excitements. When fears are brought up, listen and talk your child through some ways to overcome the fear. When you start to feel overwhelmed with your own fears, go into another room and take a deep breath. If you are worried about school, your child will be too. So, be excited and confident about school and your child will be too.

WHAT H.E.L.P. IS OFFERED TO STUDENTS EXPERIENCING UNSTABLE HOUSING?

Katey Townsend, McKinney-Vento Liaison and HELP Program Coordinator

Lincoln County reached a historic high in the number of students who experienced homelessness or unstable housing during the 2017-18 school year. At least 1,016 children and youth, birth to 12th grade, lacked a "fixed, regular or adequate" housing at some time last school year. The Federal McKinney-Vento Act defines student homelessness as living in cars, campgrounds, inadequate housing, shelters, motels, and doubled up temporarily due to economic hardship or loss of housing. The reasons a family experiences housing insecurity are numerous, but one of the biggest factors is the lack of affordable and

adequate housing in our community. If a student or family is experiencing unstable housing, they are not alone with over 15% of Lincoln County's student population facing this challenge. Often students in this situation face frequent moves, lack of resources, and can fall behind academically.

Lincoln County School District offers help through the four HELP Centers located in Newport, Lincoln City, Toledo and Waldport. These sites are geared towards providing resources and educational programs to youth and families facing homelessness and unstable housing, however there are many resources that could help any family in need.

HELP Centers offer school supplies, clothing, shoes, hygiene supplies, and household items based on donations from our generous community. Additionally, students and families are assisted with information on early childhood programs, after school programs, career and college readiness supports, meal programs, transportation assistance to keep students in the same school, school enrollment, and a wide variety of community resources.

The HELP Centers are a place to get help and be of help. We are always in need of volunteers!



The Lincoln City Dutch Bros crew hosted a book drive for the HELP Program.



Oregon Coast Aquarium hosted a special overnight trip for youth in the HELP program.

Contact your local HELP Center

Homeless Education & Literacy Project (HELP)

Lincoln City: 4040 SE High School Drive
(Taft Elementary School)
541-996-4878

Newport: 1212 NE Fogarty Street
(Teaching and Learning Center Building)
541-574-5824

Toledo: 1800 NE Sturdevant Road
(Toledo Junior Senior High School)
541-336-4357

Waldport: 3000 S Crestline Drive
(Waldport High School)
541-563-8584

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Kristin Bigler, Communications Specialist



School Immunizations

Lincoln County Walk-In Clinic (no appointment needed) for school required vaccines.

Vaccinations are required for school attendance.

Date	Location	Time
August 8th, 15th, 24th	Community Health Center: 1010 SW Coast Hwy, Suite 203, Newport	9 am – 12 noon / 1 pm – 4 pm
August 13th	Community Health Center: 4422 NE Devils Lake BLD, Suite 2, Lincoln City	9 am – 12 noon / 1 p.m. – 4 pm
August 9th, 16th, 23rd	Public Health: 36 SW Nye Street, Newport	8:15 am – 12 noon / 1 pm – 2:30 pm

After September 5, please call your School-Based Health Center (SBHC) to get school vaccines:
Newport SBHC: 541-265-0472; Taft SBHC: 541-265-0474; Toledo SBHC: 541-265-0473; Waldport SBHC: 541-265-0471
The Vaccine For Children (VFC) program allows all children without insurance and money to be vaccinated.

Full-Service Registration Labs Offered for 2018-19 Enrollment

Lincoln County School District is trying a new system of offering Full-Service Registration Labs to ensure a smooth enrollment of students this year. This will be an open-house type offering with computer labs for online registration, transportation sign-up and support, student-based health centers with information on immunization and services, Spanish language translators and LCSD staff to guide families through the process. Kindergarten students, those riding on a bus and any student new to the district will be required to attend. Letters with details and passwords will go out this summer to addresses on file for returning students. Dates and times are as follows:

Waldport

August 7: 8 am to 4 pm
August 8: 8 am to 8 pm
August 9: 8 am to 8 pm

Lincoln City

August 13: 8:30 am to 12 noon / 1 pm to 3:30 pm
August 14: 8:30 am to 12 noon / 1 pm to 3:30 pm
August 15: 8 am to 12 noon / 1 pm to 4 pm / 5 pm to 7 pm
August 16: 8 am to 12 noon / 1 pm to 4 pm / 5 pm to 7 pm

Toledo

August 21: 8:30 am to 1 pm / 2 pm to 6 pm
August 22: 8:30 am to 1 pm / 2 pm to 6 pm
August 23: 8:30 am to 1 pm / 2 pm to 4 pm

Newport

August 21: 1 pm to 4 pm / 5 pm to 8 pm
August 22: 9 am to 12 noon / 1 pm to 4 pm
August 23: 1 pm to 4 pm / 5 pm to 8 pm

More detailed information and the online portal for registration and online fee payments are all up to date on the website (www.lincoln.k12.or.us/enroll).



School Supply Lists and Handbooks available on our website under Resources.
www.lincoln.k12.or.us/resources

WHAT IF MY CHILD NEEDS EXTRA SUPPORT?



Students enjoying adaptive swim lessons.

Stefanie Gould, Special Programs Administrator-Special Education/TAG/504

If you are concerned with your child's educational progress and s/he is age 5–21 by September 1, 2018, please begin the discussion at your neighborhood school, so as a team, we can best determine how to support your child. Some of these supports may be:

- Through special education services provided via an individualized education plan
- A 504 plan which is developed to give students with disabilities the supports they need
- A talented and gifted (TAG) plan to enrich

Linn-Benton-Lincoln ESD works in conjunction with the school district to not only support school aged children, but also special services for students birth to age 5.

Student Transportation Services

Each new school year brings new bus stops and routes. Please ensure your child's transportation plan is accurate and complete with his/her school registration to assist us in accommodating your needs. The first few weeks of school are a challenge for students to learn buses and for drivers to fine-tune bus stops and routes. During this time buses may also be behind schedule. We appreciate your patience during this time as we work to meet the transportation needs of all Lincoln County students. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Mid Columbia Bus Company at 541-336-5101.

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Important Dates

Sept. 4–7	Kindergarten Orientation (Check with individual school for details)	Oct. 12	Professional Development (No School)
Sept. 4	First Day of School for the following students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Elementary Students Grades 1–6 • NMS 6th • NHS 9th • Taft 7th • WHS 7th, 8th & 9th • Toledo Jr/Sr, All Students 	Oct. 15	Professional Development (No School)
		Oct. 24	Evening Conferences
		Oct. 25	Conferences Day/Evening (No School)
		Oct. 26	No School
Sept. 5	School for all students, all schools, grades 1–12		

Early Release
each Wednesday
beginning
September 5.