

Board Briefs

Richland School Board Highlights of January 9, 2018, meeting

The District announces **two facility siting decisions**:

1. The new **RSD Teaching Learning Administrative Center** will be sited adjacent to Leona Libby Middle School.
2. The District's **12th elementary school** will be sited in the **Badger Mountain South** development on land the District already owns ([details here](#)).



The new RSD Teaching Learning Administrative Center will be located just west of Libby Middle School.

Board members reviewed the [School Improvement Plans](#) for Lewis & Clark, Sacajawea, and Taptal Elementary Schools. The overarching goal of the District's improvement efforts is "to expand learning for all while reducing the income-based achievement gap".

Richland School Board members elected officers for the coming year:

Rick Jansons	President
Heather Cleary	Vice-President
Brett Amidan	Legislative Rep.

Powerful instruction integrated with technology, professional development, and instructional coaching, is transforming teaching and learning in the Richland School District ([detailed report here](#)). Three classroom teachers discussed how transformational teaching and learning is taking place in their classrooms through:

- Project-Based Learning

- Embedded technology/professional development
- Ongoing instructional coaching by Classroom Support Teachers



Sheldon Weddle, Carmichael math teacher – "Project Based Learning is powerful when students are able to leverage technology as a tool for research, collaboration, and presenting. I now consider myself a facilitator of learning in a student-centered classroom where students are taking control of their own learning. It has been a powerful transformation for students so far."



Jessica Fife, Richland High history teacher – "In the beginning, students did not think themselves capable of presenting synthesized information, let alone in a creative medium. Now students are not only expressing analysis and synthesis of information, they are embedding that learning into creating skits, short videos, podcasts, essays, and satirical writings. I am using technology to expand what is possible in the classroom."



Tami Simundson, Wiley fourth grade teacher – "Using technology provides an easy way to differentiate instruction and practice for my students. It has increased my students' engagement and ownership in their work because it has provided them with a purpose and audience."

Other News:

The District implemented [Advancement Via Individual Determination](#) (AVID) in 2013. AVID is a college readiness system which teaches students the academic habits and soft skills they need to succeed in school and life. Here is some recent student feedback....



*“The AVID elective has helped me focus on my future. Without AVID, I wouldn’t be applying to colleges, let alone getting into them!” - **Bella Funk**, Richland High AVID senior.*



*“AVID has helped me focus on school and what is important despite home and life distractions. The constant support and community gives me motivation to not only come to school, but to thrive.” - **Jared Vandine**, Richland High AVID senior.*



Three Rivers HomeLink adopted a classroom in Houston after **Hurricane Harvey** devastated the city last August. The Houston teacher recently sent this note back to HomeLink.....
“Thank you so much for rallying support for our campus and classroom. Some of the supplies have already

been utilized.” [More info and photos](#)

Hanford High School Center Stage presents the whodunnit musical [Curtains](#) on February 2, 3, 7, 9, 10, at 7:30 pm, and a matinee February 10 at 2:00 pm. Reserved seats are \$15/\$12. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at www.hanforddrama.org



American Red Cross

Enterprise Middle School invites community members to a lasagna dinner and silent auction to **benefit the American Red Cross** on **Wednesday, January 17, 5:00 to 7:00 pm.** EMS teacher **Ben Brost** suffered a cardiac arrest in November and is making a full recovery thanks to two CPR trained colleagues, doctors, and nurses.

“Community members have stepped up to support the Brost family,” says EMS counselor **Hans Appel**. “We will celebrate this effort and remind those attending about the importance of receiving CPR training.”

[More details and ticket info.](#)

Richland High School’s upcoming Fight Cancer Pink Night basketball game was featured Wednesday on the KNDU morning show. [Here is the interview](#) with Bomber basketball players **Taryn Webb** and **Hailey Stevens**.

Hanford High School will host the 4th annual **Hanford Desert Classic Cheer Competition** on **Saturday, January 13**. “This is the largest cheer competition in Eastern Washington and is a state qualifying competition,” says Kim Mayer, HHS cheer coach.

- **TIME:** doors open at 8:00 AM for spectators (enter through north doors by spirit rock)
- **COMPETITION:** begins at 9:30 AM
- **ADMISSION:** \$10 – adults, \$5 – students

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The levy election is coming up in February. There'll be two propositions on the Richland School District ballot.....

Proposition 1 is the Educational Programs Levy
Proposition 2 is the Technology Levy. Voter Pamphlets are being mailed out on January 20th.

The Richland High girls basketball Pink Game is this Saturday at Art Dawald gym. The Bomber players are selling pink t-shirts to raise money for the Kadlec Mammogram Assistance Fund. Proceeds will provide uninsured women with free mammograms. You can call Richland High School to order a shirt or make a donation.

And excellent progress is being made on construction of the new Jefferson Elementary School. Jefferson is the ninth and final project from the 2013 bond issue. All projects have been completed on time and within budget.