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RAINIER SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT:

Bryon Bahr

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Rita Meldrum – Elementary
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Dear Rainier Parents, Guardians and Community Members:

I am extremely proud to be the Superintendent of the Rainier School District. Our school district continues to provide excellent learning opportunities for our students, as we prepare all of our students for the challenges of the 21st century. We exist to serve the educational needs of the children living within the Rainier School District and to prepare them to be successful adults. As I start my 9th year here in Rainier, I have no doubt that the children of Rainier will have a tremendous educational experience, within a great school system, filled with quality individuals who will care for them and prepare them well for whatever lies in their future. I consider myself fortunate to be in Rainier, and to lead such a quality educational organization.

The following are just a few of the accomplishments of the Rainier School District this past year:

1. Rainier Middle School and Rainier High School Received Washington State Recognized School Awards for “Closing the Achievement Gap”; another award for “Highest Achieving Schools in ELA Proficiency”; and a third award for meeting the “School Quality and Student Success Measures for the State of Washington” (SQSS)
2. High School Graduation Rate **above 90%**
3. The sports complex behind Rainier Elementary: backstops and fencing have been installed. Next steps are dugouts and soccer goals
4. Repaving the Phases 1, 2 and 3 of the parking lot at the High School and Middle School.
5. New lights in the cafeteria at the Elementary.
6. Repaired and upgraded the roof of the High School
7. New STEM teacher for K-3
8. New science kits at the Elementary

These are just a few of the accomplishments that we all should feel proud of!

We will continue our focus on the success of our students by providing them with the academic programs and support services they need to pursue their education and meet the needs of a dynamic world.

As you may have seen in the news this spring, the Legislature voted to raise the levy lid! What does this mean for Rainier School District? For one, it helps us shrink a budget gap. It also helps us avoid more reduction in force (layoffs) and preserve education programs our community has come to value and expect. This funding is vital, especially since McLeary underfunded most local school districts compared to the majority of our neighbors to the north.

Rainier School District as well as all school districts in Thurston County will be running a Replacement School Programs and Operations Levy in February. We will have more information in the next few months.

Parents will have an opportunity to meet with their children's teachers during Open House on August 28th at 4:30 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. Parents, students, and staff can meet out at the football field for a free picnic that starts at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 6:30 p.m. Please come out and celebrate the opening of the 2019-2020 school year.

Every day I see dedicated and tireless individuals going above and beyond to make sure that great things happen in our schools. They do make a difference, and the children, in their own individual ways, benefit from those efforts.

Most importantly, I'm grateful for the parents that have kept the faith in us. You continue to share your most valuable possession with us and always work hard and advocate being a partner in their children's education, safety and well-being. For this, we are all ever so grateful.

I would like to thank you for allowing me the honor of being your Superintendent of Rainier School District and I would like to wish all of you and your families a happy, healthy new school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bryon Bahr".

Bryon Bahr

Superintendent
Rainier School District