

# La Center High School Board Report

January 19, 2016

**Happy New Year!** We are off to a fast start, with testing for EOC Algebra, EOC Geometry and EOC Biology make-ups completed. Kurt Gray, Associate Principal, has done an excellent job communicating with students, parents and teachers about the testing times of those students who needed to retake the state exams. Mr. Gray organized testing stations and testing materials for the exams. He finalized the reports to the state. Our smallest group of testers was 16 students and the largest group was 31 students. Results from these makeup exams hopefully will be released by March. Our next set of makeup exams will take place in March with the HSPE Writing and Reading exams.

**STEM Grant** - The LCHS Library is the recipient of one of 55 STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) grants from the Washington State Library. They will be receiving 50 books preselected from awarding winning STEM booklists, plus three professional titles for teachers. The Washington State Library recognized that many school libraries were dealing with tightened budgets and since materials in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields date more quickly, collections need to be renewed more frequently. This grant meets that need for us. Also, congratulations to the middle school who was also chosen.

**School Improvement Goals** – The chart below shows this year’s school improvement goals. The staff has spent time listing all the interventions we are using to help support the goal of our students. The School Improvement Planning committee is gathering data at the end of the semester from each of the categories to determine if what we are doing is successful. I will provide more data after the semester grades are submitted. Currently, every senior student has a plan in place to graduate including 4 students who have chosen to complete their AA degree at Clark College and retroactively receive their high school diploma. Three students are planning on being a 5<sup>th</sup> year senior at LCHS. For those juniors and sophomores not on track to graduate on time, a plan is in place regarding credit recovery options. We are moving away from Fuel Ed as the company we have been using for credit recovery and bringing in Apex, which is the same company we use for the Home School Academy grades 9-12 and our Linx program.

**La Center High School  
2015-2016  
School Improvement Plan**

**SMART Goal: Identify and construct strategies to remove barriers to 9th grade student learning in support of successful completion of a 24 credit diploma.**

**Measurement:** percent of students on schedule to graduate.

Currently these students are on track to graduate.

Class of 2016- 79%

Class of 2017 - 66%

Class of 2018 - 78%

Class of 2019 - determined at semester

<b>Achievable</b> - List the resources needed and if or how you can obtain them, including time.	<b>Realistic and Relevant</b> - What change are you hoping to affect by reaching your goal? What outcome should result from you reaching your goal and if it is not clear how does reaching your goal help affect that change?	<b>Timed</b> - When will each step be completed? Break the overall goal into mini steps and assign a due date to each step.
9th Grade Focus	To help those students identified as struggling in organizational skills, and support with homework.	End of school year. Supported by Mrs. Eiesland.
9th Grade English class	Students identified as struggling in 8th grade, needing additional support in English.	Semester /End of school year. Supported by Mrs. Gozart.
Extended Learning Bus	Providing afterschool transportation so students can work with teachers, in the library and/or Student Service Center.	Provided throughout the school year Monday through Thursday.

Algebra Part 1 and Algebra Part 2	Provide a slower and indepth approach to students struggling with algebra concepts. Students will be successful in algebra over a two year course.	End of each school year Mrs. Thayer will determine if students passed and are prepared to move to geometry.
Scholars - Peer Mentors	Student volunteers working with students in the library Monday through Thursday after school. Mentors will help students struggling in all subject areas.	Each month Ms. Patton, Mr. Gray, Mr. DiStefano and Mrs. Henricks will check the F List to see if those students participating are improving in their classes.
iSIT	Teachers view students with failing grades, sharing interventions and discuss successes that work. Improving communication amongst teachers to find ways to help students be successful.	Teachers can use this daily throughout the school year. SIT meets 2 x's a month for face to face discussions.
Free Lunch Program	Local church provides funding for students to have lunch. If students are not hungry they will do better in class.	Ms. Patton checks with Shirley each month and communicates with the church if additional funds are needed.
Care Closet	Food provided by Food Bank and donations. Used for students that needs snacks, meals and school supplies. If students are not hungry, they will do better in class.	Nicole connects with the Food Bank. The Leo's Club is in charge of inventory.
Admin Team working with students on the F list each week	Discuss interventions, barriers, discipline issues that prevent student from being successful.	Ms. Patton, Mr. Gray, Mr. Cooke, Mr. DiStefano, Mrs. Hendricks
Navigation	Realigning Navigation to support and meet the needs of students to successfully transition to HS. And prepare for College and Career Readiness	Navigation Captains, Mr. Gray, Ms. Patton

## **Athletic/Activities Report**

### **Wrestling**

The wrestling team has some small successes this season. The Wildcat Tournament that LCHS hosted on Dec 12 was well attended with participants, fans and coaches. This year marked the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Battle for the SpudCat” in which La Center faces off against Ridgefield in a great wrestling rivalry. Ridgefield came away with the victory this year.

The wrestling team finished the Clark County Championships this past weekend and 5 wrestlers made it to the second day with 3 in the semi-finals. Unfortunately, those 3 students lost that match, which dropped them to the consolation bracket. Jeffrey Mayolo placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, Robel Groves placed 4<sup>th</sup>, and Hazen Kapp placed 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Boys Basketball**

The boys’ basketball team is currently sitting in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Trico League behind King’s Way Christian and Kalama. The last game they played was against Castle Rock, and LCHS won 61 to 42. LCHS had lost earlier in the season to Castle Rock, 62-64, so this win was very exciting to the team.

Another notable game was against Evergreen HS, which is a 4A school and has over 1,300 students in their high school. What was great to see in this game was the determination and energy our boys put forth, never giving up, even though we were over matched. We did lose 43 – 63 against the Evergreen Plainsmen. There are 2 essential games coming up that will help determine where we finish in league. On Monday, Jan 25, we play at King’s Way Christian, and then on Thursday, Feb 4, we host Kalama for the last league game before Districts. Hope you will attend.

### **Girls Basketball**

The girls’ basketball team is making some noise in the basketball world. LCHS Girls Basketball players are currently ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in the state for all 1A teams. The team has 7 wins and 0 losses in league play and an overall record of 13 – 1. The one loss came at the hands of Benson Tech (an Oregon school) during the Evergreen HS Tournament. The last game they played was Saturday, Dec 16, in which they defeated Woodland for the second time this year. It was a great game to watch as the Wildcats were down almost the entire games. About 5 minutes left in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, the girls turned it up a notch and came from behind to win 55 to 43.

The team faces Battle Ground on Wed, Jan 20. Come cheer our girls to victory!

**Knowledge Bowl**

The Knowledge Bowl team is enjoying some success over the past month. LCHS recently hosted a meet on January 13 where approximately 180 student participants from other schools in the league participated. The LCHS Varsity Team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Mark Morris. We are currently ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in our district for 1A schools. The district championship meet will be on February 22 to determine who will go to state in March. Congratulations to Mrs. Heaton and the Knowledge Bowl team for their hard work and dedication to learning!

Respectively Submitted,

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LCHS Principal