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DATE: February 11, 2026

TO: School Board Members

FROM: Laurie Maughan

SUBJECT: CMHS Principal’s Report to the CSD School Board

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This report covers the period from January 20 to February 11. I will outline key achievements, challenges, and initiatives within this timeframe.

1. **Academic Excellence:**

* **Art and Photography students were able to visit the Pacific Northwest College of Art.**
* **Honor Choir participated and performed in the festival at Forest Grove.**
* **I was able to join Danielle in Salem to celebrate Kayleen Jones- Small Schools Teacher of the Year. Well deserved!**
* **At the end of First Semester, the HS Math team met to review STAR data, student grades, and academic concerns. We made changes based on our data to intervention course scheduling as well as moved students who have made progress out of intervention. This meeting was focused on student growth and data.**
* **-CMHS hosted the regional Jazz Festival on February 11th. Thank you Jamie!**

1. **Staff Development:**

* **Last week was School Counselor Appreciation week. Huge shout out to Natalie Krick who supports students academically and social/emotionally every day!**
* **-CMHS celebrated Linda Sherman’s retirement on January 29th and welcomed Elizabeth Ricker as a cook. Linda did not stay away for too long. She has already been back to substitute twice.**
* **Mr. Strand participated in two separate workshops on developing, implementing, and monitoring Individualized Education Plans.**
* **Mr. Opsahl spent a day training with his CTE mentor from NWESD.**
* **Mr. Brewer and Mr. Tompkins attended a Social Studies curriculum review looking at Oregon adopted Social Studies materials and have begun testing out updated curriculum options.**
* **Mrs Brewer and Mr. Erwin attended Willamette Promise professional learning team meeting for their dual credit offerings.**
* **Mr. Ed attended two days of training to keep updated and certified to lead our district safety care training.**
* **On February 13th, CMHS staff will be participating in District level training from “I love you guys” focused on school safety protocols. In the afternoon staff will be able to choose between learning specific classroom management strategies or beginning a collaborative in-depth look at Artificial Intelligence and best practices in the secondary classroom.**

1. **Infrastructure and Facilities:**

**-Will Seals and the city inspected the building on the teacher work day, January 30th trying to find out why the CMHS water bill is so high. They found that somewhere in the building is a significant leak. They will be working to find the leak and make a plan for fixing the problem.**

**4. Community Partnerships:**

* **Middle School students competed in the Science Bowl on February 7th. Thank you to our community support that allowed that to happen!**

1. **Challenges and Mitigation:**

* **Since returning to school after our holiday break, CMHS staff have had to make a number of calls to report child abuse/neglect. We are making more calls than we have in the past. I would like the board to be aware of this uptick in student and family need. Part of this is due to staff better understanding of the law from our training in August and also that more student needs are emerging. We are working closely with Columbia County Sheriff’s department and the Department of Human services. We are grateful for their support and response.**

**6. Upcoming Events**

* **ASB elections are being held this week (Week of February 9) for 26-27 student leadership officers.**
* **Winter sports district and state tournaments are coming up starting next week. Thank you to Dawn Warren, our Athletic Director, for making sure our Athletics programs are running smoothly!**
* **Our third PAWS day is coming up on April 22nd. We have had fabulous support from our community for participation in our career panel who would like to join us! Planning will begin in the next few weeks.**
* **As part of our AVID participation, our 7th and 8th graders will be participating in a campus visit to LCC near the end of February.**
* **Science Fair is coming up on March 12th. We have adjusted a few things including that we will do a pre- fair for all Middle School Students and send the top 15-20 up to the District Fair on the 12th. This should help us manage the flow better and give all students (at the pre-fair and fair) more time and better feedback.**

**Conclusion:**

**Thank you for your time, consideration, and support for CMHS students, staff and families! Please reach out with any questions you may have!**