



**KIONA-BENTON CITY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

# Kiona-Benton City SD Weekly Memo



School Year: 2022-23

Week of February 13– February 17

## What's Going On This Week

### District

- ◆ 2/13: School Board Meeting, 6:30, Board Room
- ◆ 2/15: PLC Release 1:40

### Contact Information

Superintendent's Office  
 Pete Peterson: 2001  
 Heidi Chapman: 2002  
 Rosario Gonzales: 2000

Finance  
 Drew Raab: 2004  
 Mona Van Hollebeke: 2003  
 Shelly Knight: 2006

Federal Programs  
 Wade Haun: 2077

Special Programs  
 Diann Zavala: 2023  
 Rose Magana: 2024

Student Services  
 Bernardo Castillo: 2035

Technology  
 David Rodriguez: 2198

Maintenance/Transportation  
 Dan Adamson: 2014

Food Services  
 Jennifer Long: 2037

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/20: No School
- 2/21: Middle School Family Committee Meeting, 5:30, MS Library
- 2/22: PLC Release 1:40
- 2/27: School Board Meeting, 6:30, Board Room

kbhsathletics.com for up to date athletic schedules.

### Superintendent Message:

Happy Monday everyone,

We're off on another busy week in KBSD! With only two more days to go before the levy election, now would be the time for anyone who can to contact parents of students and teams and remind them to get their ballots in. I will let everyone know the preliminary results tomorrow evening when I see them.

I will be testifying before the Senate K-12 Education Committee today in support of SB 5668, which is a bill that will address the cost-sharing that goes along with small schools sending kids to Skills Centers, such as we do with Tri-Tech. Right now the district splits the funding allocation with KSD for our kids who attend, but this bill would allow small schools like ours to get reimbursed for the full amount. This cost-share effects small districts much more than large districts as they offer many more programs than we do. It has bipartisan support, so hopefully we will see some movement on it.

We have a board meeting tonight at 6:30 PM if anyone would like to join in person or online. Not a big agenda; we are pushing back some items until after the levy results come in. As I said last week, we will be looking at cost-saving measures regardless of the outcome Tuesday in an effort to slim down our expenditures. In a related note, don't forget that if you are contemplating retirement then get your letters in ASAP if you want to access the early notification bonus.

While we are on the topic, I know that there are rumors flying around regarding staffing for next year, what positions will be replaced, etc. Please understand – there have been no decisions made about that and quite frankly, the discussions haven't even started! So if you are hearing discussions among peers that start with "Well I heard...", please know, those are just rumors and have no basis in fact.

Have a great Monday and you will hear from me a few more times before the end of the week!

~ Pete

### Staff Member in Focus Lacey Treat

I was born and raised in Selah Washington. I graduated from Selah High School in June of 1999. I am 1 of 5 children and the first in my family to graduate from college. My husband and I both attended college together at Central Washington University. I graduated in the spring of 2011 with my BA in early childhood education. My husband was offered an engineering position at Hanford in the summer of 2011 which is what brought us to the Tri Cities. I decided to go back to school and get my master's in special education in 2014. This will be my 9<sup>th</sup> year teaching!

My husband and I have three amazing children. My oldest daughter Breanna is attending college at CBC and currently works for Amazon. My middle child Kyler plays 14U Rep hockey for the Tri Cities Americans and will start 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Chief Joe in the fall. My youngest daughter Winry will start 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Kibe.

When I am not teaching, I love hiking in the Pacific Northwest, paddle boarding, camping, boating, traveling, and spending quality time with my family.