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Washougal, WA 98671

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## District welcomes Dr. Mary Templeton as new superintendent starting July 1



The Washougal School District Board of Directors has hired Dr. Mary Templeton as the next Superintendent.

“The board felt Dr. Templeton’s experience and background are best suited to the current initiatives and opportunities in our district,” said Cory Chase, Washougal School Board President. “The board would like to thank all of the community members, staff, and others who participated in the process and provided feedback to help with this process. We are excited to welcome Mary to the Washougal community.” The board worked with Northwest Leadership Associates on the search process.

“After spending time in the district, it was clear that there are great things happening here and that the community, staff, school board, and parents are committed to excellence for all of our students,” said Templeton. “I look forward to leading the Washougal School District with this vision for excellence into the future.”

Templeton comes from Spokane Public Schools, where she most recently was the Human Resources Director for Certificated Personnel—a role she held for four years. She began her education career in the classroom, teaching German, English, and Drama for 15 years. She later served as a dean of students, principal assistant, and then worked as an assistant principal for four years.

Templeton recently received a doctorate in Education from Washington State University and has held a superintendent credential since 2015. She serves on a task force for the Public Educator Standards Board (PESB). 🌱



## Darcy Hickey named Teacher of the Year

Cape Horn-Skye first grade teacher Darcy Hickey is the Washougal School District Teacher of the Year.

“Darcy fosters a love of learning,” said Cape Horn-Skye Principal Penny Andrews. “She creates a safe, warm, inclusive environment that supports risk-taking and her students absolutely thrive in her classroom.”

Hickey has been instrumental in highly successful school programs, including: Crazy 8 Math Club, an after-school math club designed to engage reluctant learners; and the school’s highly popular Science Night. 🌱

## Take our communication survey

Our communications team is gathering feedback on the ways that school patrons, parents, and staff access news about the district. Please take this very short, online survey to help guide our work to share great news and information about the excellent teaching and learning happening in our schools.



## Upcoming Washougal School Board Meetings

**August 14**, District Board Room

**August 28**, District Board Room

Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the District Board Room, 4855 Evergreen Way, unless otherwise noted. All are invited!

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### SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Mary Templeton

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Teresa Lees, Vice President

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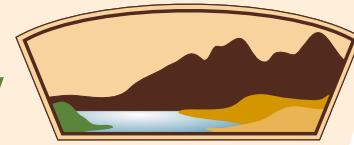
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WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

# Community Connections

SUMMER 2018



## Class of 2018 receives over \$769,000 in scholarships

### SCOTT ANDERSON

Holy Names  
University Academic  
Award, \$68,000;  
University of Montana  
Achievement Award,  
\$36,000; University  
of Montana Marching  
Band Scholarship,  
\$4,000; WHS Alumni  
Scholarship, \$1,000  
Washougal  
Association of  
Educators Scholarship,  
\$1,500; Washougal  
Lions Club Tom Hays  
Scholarship, \$1,000

### JUSTIN BATES

Vietnam Veterans of  
America Scholarship,  
\$1,000

### BLAINE BEA

Mt Hood Community  
College Athletic  
Scholarship, \$1,200

### MARCUS BENNETT

Washington  
State University  
Vancouver Academic  
Achievement Award,  
\$12,000

### KATIE BOON

Camas Washougal  
Chamber of Commerce  
Scholarship, \$1,000;  
Ronald Phillips  
Memorial Science  
Scholarship, \$2,500;  
Ward Hoxsie-John  
Sinden Masonic Lodge  
Scholarship, \$2,250;  
Western Washington  
University  
Opportunity Pathway  
Scholarship, \$1,500



The class of 2018 has a lot to celebrate! Congratulations to our graduates and their families.

### SIERRA COLOMA

Northwest Christian  
University Academic  
Scholarship, \$44,000;  
Northwest Christian  
University Leadership  
Award, \$4,000;  
Northwest Christian  
University Visit  
Scholarship, \$1,000;  
Northwest Christian  
University Talent  
Award-Women’s  
Soccer, \$26,400

### TANNER

### COLTRANE

Clark College Athletic  
Scholarship, \$325

### ROSE DAYLEY

Brigham Young  
University Elmo B

& Marla A Shirts  
Scholarship, \$2,810

### MIKAYLA DODGE

Utah State University  
Nonresident Aggie  
Scholar Award,  
\$14,000

### RYLEE ERDWINS

Eastern Washington  
University Presidential  
Scholarship,  
\$16,000; Washington  
State University  
Achievement Award,  
\$4,000

### NICHOLAS

### ERICKSON

Kate & Marty Rifken  
Group Foundation  
Scholarship, \$3,500

### AUDREE FELTNER

American Red Cross  
Scholarship, \$500

### NATALIE GARNER

Marymount  
Manhattan College  
Trustee’s Scholarship  
\$9,000; Marymount  
Manhattan College  
Grant \$7,900

### KAITLYNN

### GARRETT

Washington  
State University  
Achievement  
Scholarship, \$4,000

### ANDREA

### GONZALEZ

Cheryl Trent Memorial  
Scholarship, \$1,500

### BENJAMIN

### GUTKIND

Camas Washougal  
Business Alliance  
Scholarship,  
\$1,000; Northwest  
Hope Foundation  
Scholarship, \$1,000

### IAN HARRIS

Kate & Marty Rifken  
Group Foundation  
Scholarship, \$3,500

### EMMA HEIN

Oregon State  
University Evergreen  
State Scholarship,  
\$8,000; Washington  
State University  
Regents Scholarship,  
\$16,000

### BRAELYN HIGDON

University of  
Portland President’s  
Scholarship, \$88,000

### MAGGIE

### HUNGERFORD

Linfield College  
Frances R Linfield  
Scholarship, \$21,000;  
Oregon State  
University Evergreen  
State Scholarship,  
\$8,000; Washington  
State University  
Achievement Award,  
\$8,000

### OLIVIA KELLY

Camas Washougal  
Business Alliance  
Scholarship, \$1,000

### KEVIN KLACKNER

Camas Washougal  
Business Alliance  
Scholarship, \$1,000

### TANNER

### KLOPMAN-

### BAERSELMAN

ODD Fellows Lonnie  
Belz Scholarship,  
\$1,000; WHS Alumni  
Scholarship, \$2000

### AUSTIN LEAMER

Cheryl Trent Memorial  
Scholarship, \$1,500

### BRIDGETTE

### MCCARTHY

Burger King Scholars  
Award, \$1,000;  
Camas Washougal  
Business Alliance  
Scholarship, \$1,000;

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## IMPORTANT 2018-19 DISTRICT SCHEDULE CHANGES:

- Our first day of school will be Tuesday, August 28, 2018, which falls before the Labor Day holiday weekend
- Wednesday early release for grades K-5 will now be 40-minutes rather than two hours and 45-minutes.

Visit our back-to-school page at: [www.washougal.k12.wa.us](http://www.washougal.k12.wa.us) or see our 2018-19 Calendar inside »



# Dr. Boles retires after 44-year education career

Dr. Patricia Boles retired this June after 44 years in education. Boles began her career as a fifth-grade teacher in the Longview School District in 1973.



Over the course of her career, Boles held teaching and administrative positions in Portland Public Schools, Camas and Ridgefield School Districts. In 2015 she was considering retirement but took the Assistant Superintendent position in Washougal for what she first thought was a one-year commitment. She ended up staying three years and now says

it's hard to leave, though she's confident that the district is in good hands. "I know my replacement will do this job with even more grace and thoughtfulness," said Boles of Gause Principal Renae Burson who has been hired as her successor. "She will do good things for Washougal." One of the highlights of Boles' career has been watching the people she works with grow and flourish. "I watched a lot of paraeducators pursue their teaching degrees to become teachers and watched office staff grow in their positions. It's important to help others be the best that they can be, encourage them to have a positive impact in their work with others."

Boles is looking forward to the next chapter of her life which includes becoming a grandmother in January and pursuing her personal passions, which include art, photography, travel and much more time for family. Boles says one of her favorite roles was working at the middle school level as a principal. "There is never a dull moment at the middle school level," she said. "I always tried to be understanding of what they were going through and appreciate them for the intriguing young adults they are becoming. The basic needs of kids and families hasn't changed." 🌿

## Retirees share memories and plans for their next adventures

**MARLENE LEIFSEN**  
Library Assistant  
Gause Elementary  
36 years in education  
*Favorite Washougal memory:* "I loved working at WHS when my sons were attending high school. It was wonderful being involved with their friends and activities. My favorite memories will be of the people I have worked with and relationships with students."  
*Retirement plans:* "I have plans to travel some but mostly, not go to work!"



**TERÉ GUSTAFSON**  
Education Technician  
Excelsior High School  
35 years in education  
*Favorite Washougal memory:* "All of my best memories are being a part of the Alternative Program. My all-time favorite memories from Excelsior were our holiday feasts. From my first year, 1988, until 2017, we had a huge meal for everyone. Staff, students, parents and community members always contributed so much food that we could send home bags with kids at the end of the day. When I run into former students, that is one of the first things that is always mentioned."  
*Retirement plans:* "I am moving to Gilbert, AZ on July 17th to live with my youngest daughter and her family."



**ROB ANDERSON**  
Biology Teacher  
Washougal High School  
30 years in education  
*Favorite Washougal memory:* "The 2001 State Wrestling Championship."  
*Retirement plans:* "Anything I want as long as I



can afford it! But I do plan on pursuing a second career that doesn't occupy me full time. I have ideas in mind but not set in stone; still investigating. The stipulation is that I am my own boss. That may not go well!"

**TIM PFEIFER**  
8th grade Math and Science Teacher  
Canyon Creek Middle School  
30 years in education  
*Favorite Washougal memory:* "Running into former students who shared with me the positive impact I had in their lives."  
*Retirement plans:* "Throw out the alarm clock, spend more time with family and friends, travel to the places on my bucket list."



**VICTORA STRICKLER**  
Paraeducator  
Hathaway Elementary  
28 years in education

**STEPHANIE SCHEUFFELE**  
Paraeducator  
Hathaway Elementary  
24-years in education  
*Favorite Washougal memory:* "Watching the children grow and learn and working with so many wonderful people through the years."  
*Retirement plans:* "To travel, spend time with grandchildren, gardening, painting and reading."



**MICHELE WEITMAN**  
Math and Science Teacher  
Canyon Creek Middle School  
20 years in education



**NITA YOUNG**  
3rd grade Teacher  
Hathaway Elementary  
16 years in education  
*Retirement plans:* "To travel. Scotland and England this summer on a mom and daughter trip, Europe in the fall and to the Canary Islands, Morocco, Spain and Portugal in the spring! After that? I think stay at home and enjoy slowing down."



**PAULINE RULE**  
Science Teacher  
Washougal High School  
14 years in education  
*Favorite Washougal memory:* "While on a biology field trip to Steigerwald N.W. Refuge, very concerned students informed me a tiny duckling had become separated from its family. I carried the duckling back to its family but had to wade out into the pond through mud, reeds, and slimy water up to my knees. The students rejoiced as the little duckling quacked louder and louder the closer it came to its family, jumped out of my arms, and united with its family. A happy ending and a happy memory."  
*Retirement plans:* "Lord willing, having many more wonderful outdoor adventures with my husband: kayaking, hiking, and riding bikes. I look forward to enjoying more time with friends and family."



**CHARLENE DAWSON**  
Bus Driver  
6 years of service

**PHYLLIS OSBORNE**  
(not pictured)  
Secretary  
Jemtegaard Middle School  
9 years of service



## Elementary and middle school students to see new math curriculum this fall

After much research, planning and careful consideration, the Washougal School District has adopted new math curriculum for its elementary and middle schools. Elementary schools will use the ORIGO Stepping Stones 2 curriculum and middle schools will use Illustrative Math. The materials were selected by a committee of teachers who did thorough research, consulted other professionals in the field, and conducted site visits. The elementary curriculum was adopted by a team of teachers that had equal representation from each of the schools and grade levels. "ORIGO was chosen because of the level of math the students were doing in the classrooms and the rich discussions they were having around math," said Cheryl MacIntyre, Instructional Math Coach for

grades 5-12. "ORIGO is rich, engaging and rigorous. Elementary teachers are excited to see the transformations that will be made in the math classes over the next few years." Illustrative Mathematics has been successfully field tested at Jemtegaard, and was unanimously selected by the adoption committee. "There is ample opportunity for students to discuss their thinking and understanding to help them to deeply understand the math they are learning," said MacIntyre. Illustrative Mathematics is the highest rated middle school curriculum on Ed-Reports, a non-profit company that rates curriculum based on a multitude of factors. Teachers will begin training with the new curriculum this summer for implementation in the fall. 🌿

## Legislature develops budget to fully fund basic education

This year Washington legislators reached a long-awaited resolution by developing a budget to meet the requirements of the Supreme Court's McCleary v. State decision. As a result, the state increased its schools levy rate and will redistribute the money across all Washington school districts. Local school levy rates were not affected for 2018, but will be reduced starting in the 2019 tax year. Local school levy rates will be scaled back to \$1.50 per thousand of assessed property value over the next two years, meaning that local taxpayers will have less of a burden to fund public schools. The changes do not affect voter-approved capital bonds.

This is great news for schools in our state. These resources will be used to improve programs and increase staff compensation. Specifically, the funding is intended to address: compensation for teachers and other staff; Highly Capable programs; Special Education programs; Title and LAP programs; and Career and Technical Education (CTE). The Washougal

School District will spend the money as intended by the Legislature. We are in the process of negotiations with our employee union groups and we have an obligation to make sure we are compensating our staff in a manner that is fair, equitable and regionally competitive. The new funding model will allow us to make progress on this goal. At the same time, we face some challenges because the changes involve a three-year process to phase in this new funding system for public education. For 2018-19 the district will receive a one-time increase in revenue from the state. In 2019-20 WSD will see a drop in revenue as local levies are reduced to \$1.50 per \$1,000 assessed value. A key idea behind this levy swap is that there will be more predictability in the future. Taxpayers will be able to predict their taxes and school districts will have more predictability as they develop their annual budgets. After an initial increase, Washougal taxpayers will see a drop in their taxes over time. 🌿

| FOUR-YEAR REVENUE OUTLOOK<br>(numbers in millions) | 2017    | 2018    | 2019    | 2020    |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Increase in state revenue                          | -       | \$5.88  | \$0.82  | \$0.68  |
| Decrease in local revenue                          | -       | -\$1.68 | -\$1.74 | \$0.13  |
| Overall budget (general fund)                      | \$33.90 | \$38.1  | \$37.1  | \$38.0  |
| Year to year change                                | -       | +\$4.2* | -\$0.9* | +\$0.8* |

\* Includes categorical dollars (Special Ed, Career & Technical Education, Highly Capable, ELL)  
Data provided from the OSPI Multi-Year Budget Comparison Tool (Updated June 15, 2018) at <http://k12.wa.us/SAFS/18budprp.asp>

## Scholarships, continued from page 1

Clark County Fair Scholarship, \$3,500; Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship, \$1,000; Elks "Most Valuable Student" State Award, \$2,000; Gonzaga University Music Award, \$3,000; Gonzaga University Regent Scholarship, \$76,000; Gonzaga Grant, \$3,880; Gonzaga University Alumni Association Scholarship, \$2,500; IQ Credit Union Scholarship, \$2,000; National Merit Scholarship/Hormel Foods Corp Charitable Trust, \$2,000; Rotary Club of Camas Washougal Scholarship, \$3,000; WHS Alumni Scholarship, \$1,000; Washougal Schools Foundation Scholarship, \$2,000; Washougal Lions Club Scholarship, \$1,000

**KATIE RABUS**  
Camas Washougal Business Alliance Scholarship, \$1,000; Kaiser Permanente Health Care Scholarship, \$2,000; ODD Fellows Lonnie Belz Scholarship, \$1,000

**JADEN ROBB**  
Camas Washougal Business Alliance Scholarship, \$1,000; Fred Ensmen/Virginia Oliver Evergreen Education Association Scholarship, \$500; WHS Alumni Scholarship, \$1,000; Washougal Association of Educators Scholarship, \$1,500

**PAYTON TYACKE**  
University of Portland President's Scholarship, \$22,000

**PHOEBE WALKER**  
Rotary Club of Camas Washougal Scholarship, \$2,000; Washougal Schools Foundation Scholarship, \$2,000

**JALEN WATTS**  
Western Washington University Presidential Scholarship, \$3,000; Camas Washougal Rotary Sophomore Student of the Year Scholarship, \$500

**BLAKE WEBB**  
Eastern Washington University Scholarship, \$4,000; Foresters Competitive Scholarship, \$8,000

**ALEX WILMOTH**  
Local 290 Scholarship Award, \$2,000; Washington State University Experience WSU Scholarship, \$1,000; Washington State University College of Arts and Sciences Scholarship, \$4,000; Washington State University Regents Scholarship, \$16,000 🌿

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**SYDNEY MEDEROS**  
Camas Washougal Business Alliance Scholarship, \$1,000; Ward Hoxsie-John Sinden Masonic Lodge Scholarship, \$2,250; Western Washington University, \$1,500; Pacific Lutheran Academic Scholarship, \$22,000; Pacific Lutheran Q Club Scholarship, \$6,565; University of Puget Sound Faculty Scholarship, \$19,000; University of Puget Sound Scholarship, \$2,000

**KATE NORTHCUT**  
Kate & Marty Rifken Group Foundation Scholarship, \$3,500; Washington State University Vancouver Academic Achievement Award, \$12,000; Washington State University Achievement Diversity Scholarship, \$16,000

**MATTHEW NORVELL**  
Georgia Pacific Foundation