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Measure 98 funds to be used for innovative BHHS programs

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[Brookings, Ore.] — Due to the passage of voter-approved Measure 98, the Brookings-Harbor School District will be receiving \$229,380 in funds for the 2017-18 school year to better prepare every student to be successful in life after high school.

The Brookings-Harbor School District is planning to make investments in Career and Technical Education (CTE), College and Career Readiness programs, and Drop-out Prevention programs.

“For the last three years, we have been working hard in all three focus areas identified by Measure 98. These funds will go a long way in moving our efforts forward to meet the diverse needs of all our students,” said Lisa Dion, Brookings Harbor High School principal.

For Career Technical Education, BHSD 17C plans to add:

- Chromebook carts for all CTE classes
- Expansion of the welding program shop area
- Sturdy laptops that will be used in the Robotics lab, as well as Digital Manufacturing
- Shop upgrades for CTE programs

“By boosting CTE programming, it will allow us to reach deeper into increasing graduation rates,” said Sean Gallagher, Brookings Harbor School District Superintendent

The Brookings-Harbor School District is also planning to make investments in College and Career Readiness. In this area, the BHSD 17C plans to:

- Purchase chrome book carts for all Dual Credit college classes;
- Set aside funds to help with college tuition costs;
- Find ways to assist with supporting associated assessment costs for the ACT, SAT, and PSAT.

The Brookings-Harbor School District is planning to make substantial investments in the area of Dropout Prevention.

“In the Brookings-Harbor School District, we believe every student can be successful,” said Gallagher, “It is the motto we live by.”

In this area, BHSD17C will invest in:

- Educational Technology upgrades for the Community Bridges Alternative Education Center
- An Extended-School Day coordinator to ensure our freshman and sophomores stay on-track to graduate
- Mental health support improvements, including relocating the School-Based Health Center to a more accessible location for more students in the school district.
- Increased supports for students and staff in dealing with adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).
- Increase supports for families in need.
- Increase supports for student homeless population.

Several of these initiatives are already underway and many are in the planning stages. The district will follow all associated budgeting laws.

“We would like to thank the voters for making this investment in our students and our future,” Gallagher said.

On Dec. 6, 2017, the School Board of Directors approved a plan to shift several district facilities in order to create an opportunity to grow the existing Career Technical Education Facilities and the district’s partnership with Southwestern Oregon Community College (SWOCC).

Highlights of the changes, include:

- Expansion of the current welding facility
- Realignment of art and ceramic facilities
- Integration of Digital Imaging with Manufacturing
- Moves the School Based Health Center to the current District Office location, where it will use 50 percent of the modular building space.
- Creates an additional classroom using the remaining 50 percent of the space in the current District Office.

The move will create an expanded Career Technical Education hub at Brookings-Harbor High School, while enabling increased dual credit opportunities for BHHS students and community education. These changes will require the District Office to move to the former O.P.T.I.O.N.S. building at Easy Street and Fern Avenue. This building was once the District Office and was slated to return to its original use in the long-term facilities plan. It will provide some additional space to bring several existing district-wide programs under one roof.

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