

# Olympia School District

## Cabinet Notes

### October 17, 2013

**Board Agenda Review for Oct. 28 at Avanti:** Schools of Distinction by Nancy F. with Michael C., Mike V. and Domenico S-K; Focus on Avanti by Mike Valesquez; Use of Force Policy update by Joni W.; CHS fitness center and AV equipment change order by Jennifer P. and Tim B.; Maintenance and Operations Levy Collections and Rollback 1st Reading by Jennifer P.; Technology Levy update by staff.

**Board Agenda Review for Nov. 12 at Knox:** ORLA Constructability Review 1st Reading by Tim B.; Maintenance and Operations Levy Collections and Rollback 2nd Reading by Jennifer P.; Technology and Safety Levy Resolution 1st Reading by Jennifer P.

**Upcoming study sessions:** Technology and Safety Levy, Tax rate, Construction update on Oct. 21; Math interventions on Nov. 18; Data Dashboard/ALE on Dec. 9; Intervention Programs on Feb. 3.

**Para-educator allocation:** Cabinet discussed the formula for assigning para educator hours and the possibility of adding hours for locations with special programs that bring students into a building for part of the day or certain days a week. There will be additional discussion around the issue of providing additional allocations to these buildings.

**Special Education Support:** Some special education classes are in overload status. Jennifer P. and Joni W. will meet to discuss how to handle this issue and come back with recommendations at a future Cabinet meeting.

**Highly Capable Program Review:** In 2013 the Legislature changed the law regarding highly capable programs. The district is working with Linda Heade and Gain Hanninen to conduct a review of our highly capable programs. Gail provided Cabinet with an executive summary of the review that involved principals, district administrators, teachers, parents, students, school board members and an online survey. The executive survey included a number of recommendations, including issues around learning and development, assessment, curriculum, programming and professional development. The next step is convening a Highly Capable Task Force to discuss the recommendations. The task force's first meeting took place on the afternoon of Oct. 17.