

# Siuslaw School District 97J Goals

## 2012-2013

1. The Board, with a commitment to building excellent schools and educating all students to their potential, will be proactive in preserving the emphasis of funding to the classroom, i.e.: Teachers who provide the instruction and growth in student learning and achievement, classroom resources and structure, and class sizes.

- We advise Administration to explore efficiencies in the education system to address predicted budget deficiencies and to explore additional funding opportunities.
- Instructional staff will be provided professional development opportunities/funding to enhance skills and knowledge. We encourage teachers to seek out opportunities to acquire additional certifications that will improve their careers but will also enhance the organizational flexibility to meet student needs. Administrators should strategically identify, in cooperation with their staff, those opportunities and share with the board.

2. The Board acknowledges the gains made in reading levels as compared to the OAKS test results from students across the state. The Board however has not seen the same progress in Math. In the 2012/2013 school year the Board expects 7% growth in student abilities in Math in all grades but specifically measured in Grades 3-8 and 11, which would be significant progress towards reaching state levels as measured by OAKS testing. Writing evaluation will occur in Grades 5 and 7 to provide a report on the percentage of students meeting standard. Middle and high school staff will develop instruments to measure and evaluate student writing skills at 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades. Grade 11 will be evaluated with the OAKS testing and will be expected to reach state levels as well.

3. The Board will continue to work on Local, State, and Federal levels to achieve fiscal stability for the Siuslaw School District by maintaining at least an 8% ending fund balance. The Board will increase efforts to influence legislation that promotes additional funding and resources for our student's education. The school board will engage in long-term financial planning, including a study of the renewal of the local option levy for another 5 years after the current local option levy expires.

4. The Board will develop strategies to improve community involvement, communication, and relationships with parents and community groups that are not currently being reached. Special emphasis will be given to the Secondary Guidance program, the development of the Aspire Program in the Middle School, continued expansion of the Volunteer Program, and providing students work related experiences throughout the community. The Board encourages a continued emphasis of the civility policy for students and employees and to ensure our schools are welcoming to our community.

5. The Board, acknowledging the benefits of technology use in the classroom, expects the following:

- Share local student learning projects with other schools on the OBA network
- Provide workshops/training opportunities to support implementation of technology tools in the classroom.
- A review of the policies dealing with technology and revise as needed to ensure the school district, staff, and students are protected while still realizing the potential of technology changes.