

## PHS Tests the Competition

*Juston Pollestad, PHS Principal*

In public education, the word “assessment” can prompt several associations: formal – informal – formative – summative – high stakes – accountability – etc., etc. At Pullman High School, assessment can also be synonymous with success. Over the past couple of years, Pullman High students have continued to show off their academic prowess through a number of assessments, both at the state and national level.

This year, our students continued to impress at the state level outperforming a large number of their peers across the state in the areas of Math and English. State assessments weren't the only area where our students shined. Pullman High School students also showcased their skills on several national exams. We recently received scores from our Advanced Placement assessments. Below are some of the assessments our students participated in, as well as their achievements:

Exam	Number of PHS Students that Took Exam	Average Score of PHS Students	Average Score of Students in Washington	Average Score of Students, Globally	% of PHS Students that Scored a 3 or Higher	% of Washington Students that Scored a 3 or Higher	% of Global Students that Scored a 3 or Higher
Calculus AB	22	3.95	3.21	2.97	90.9%	64.7%	58.4%
Calculus BC	18	4.39	3.75	3.8	94.4%	79.5%	80.9%
Chemistry	25	4.36	2.71	2.74	100%	55.1%	55.6%
English Literature	116	3.59	3.0	2.78	82.8%	62.4%	54.3%
European History	43	2.86	2.73	2.90	62.8%	52.7%	58.2%
Psychology	10	4.1	3.06	3.09	90%	63.4%	64.5%

Besides having many A.P. options for students, our robust Career and Technical Education (CTE) program continues to grow. We will be adding AP Computer Science to the list of CTE offerings this year. Please see below for a list of the many CTE classes we offer:

- 3D Modeling and Composition
- Accounting I
- Advanced Video
- Ag Communications
- Animal Science
- AP Computer Science A
- Biology in Ag
- Career Choices
- Computer Drafting I, II, III, and IV
- Culinary Arts
- Digital Photo and Advanced Photoshop
- Economics
- Foods and Nutrition
- iLive
- Leadership I
- Leadership II
- Marketing and Entrepreneurship
- Marketing Operations
- Metal Shop I, II, III, and IV
- Multi Media
- New Media
- Physical Science in Ag
- Plant Science I and II
- Sports Medicine I and II
- Textiles and Apparel
- Wood Shop I, II, III, and IV
- Work Site Learning
- Yearbook

We are fortunate to offer a wide variety of CTE classes to our students. Many students from a variety of our CTE classes qualified to compete at state and national levels this year. We are excited for the opportunities that all of our CTE classes provide our students.

## Required Annual Notifications

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Pullman Public Schools is required to provide the following notifications to parents each school year. They can be read in their entirety on the district webpage (<http://www.pullmanschools.org>) or you can call the school district office (509.332.3581) to request that a packet of all notifications be mailed to you.

### Notifications:

- 2018 Annual Summary of Pesticide Use
- Admission Requirements
- ASB Financial Reports
- Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) Inspection Report
- Assessment Plan for 2019-2020
- Child Find
- Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- Excused and Unexcused Attendance Policy
- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
- FERPA Directory Notification
- Home Language Survey
- Homeless Students – Information for Parents, Guardians and Caregivers
- Immunizations Required for School Attendance
- Maintenance of Grounds and Integrated Pest Management (Pesticides applied on a regular basis)
- Media opt-out information
- Nondiscrimination Policy
- Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying policy
- Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)
- Right to Request Teacher Qualifications
- Sexual Harassment Policy
- Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy
- Title I – Parental Involvement Policy
- Tobacco Free Environment – Policy Related to Use of Tobacco and Nicotine Products and Delivery Devices

If you have any questions regarding any of these notifications, please contact your student's school office, or the district office at 509.332.3581.

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# New School Year, New Opportunities for Growth!

*An Update from Superintendent Bob Maxwell*

The 2019-2020 school year is underway!

As we prepare to embark on another school year, we face new opportunities and challenges in advancing our common mission: Ensuring Learning While Challenging and Supporting Each Student to Achieve Full Potential. Summer gives me, and our entire team, the time to reflect on the past school year, and plan for the new school year. I take pleasure in taking the time to think about how we can improve, and make exciting ideas and dreams into reality!

This year, I look forward to implementing a few new ideas that will allow me to spend more time in our schools with our staff and students, and another idea that will give me more time with our families and community members.

**Job Shadowing:** We have an incredible team of dedicated staff! I appreciate every member of our team, and value their work. This year, I'm rolling up my sleeves and joining our staff in their work! Each month I will ask for staff volunteers that would like me to join them for a portion of a work day. I will try to accommodate as many requests as possible! I'm looking forward to seeing firsthand the way that each staff member contributes to our mission, assisting them in their work, and learning about the joys and challenges of their daily work. I'm excited to spend more time in our schools this year, and job shadowing is a work experience that will allow me to learn more about an employee's work and role. I'm hoping to increase my awareness and understanding of our day to day operations and discover opportunities for our district to grow.

**PHS Student Ambassadors:** I love hearing from our students! Their voice and opinions are valuable as we strive to continuously improve. This idea, a PHS Student Ambassadors group, will provide a structured opportunity for me and administrative staff to listen and talk with students about their experience in our schools. The Student Ambassadors group will be comprised of representatives from the junior and senior classes at Pullman High School. The group will meet with me and other administrative staff three times during the school year to share information, provide feedback on the high school experience, and broaden our understanding of school-related issues.

**Goals of PHS Student Ambassadors Group:**

- Develop and strengthen leadership and communication skills
- Gain a greater understanding of educational issues through interaction and problem-solving with peers and school administrators
- Provide student insight and perspective to the Board of Directors and Administration
- Build a lifelong commitment to the role and responsibility of community citizenship

Interested Junior and Senior students must complete and submit an application, including reference forms to the Superintendent's office by September 30th, 2019. More information and the application form can be found on the Pullman High School and Pullman School District websites.

**State of our Schools:** The past two years I hosted monthly "Coffee with Bob" sessions, where I shared updates about our district and had the opportunity to have great conversations with parents and community members. While I enjoyed these meetings, there was very minimal attendance. We're going to try something different this year. I plan to host three "State of our Schools" presentations this school year (fall, winter, and spring). I'll seek feedback from our community about what they'd like to know more about, and share a list of topics that I'll be covering ahead of time so you can decide if you'd like to attend. The presentations will be in the evening rather than at lunch, which I hope will be more conducive to schedules of our families and community members. We haven't scheduled dates for these presentations yet, but we will be sure to share them soon!

I would love to hear your thoughts about these ideas! If you'd like to share, my email is [rmaxwell@psd267.org](mailto:rmaxwell@psd267.org).

I look forward to serving our district and community and having a fantastic 2019-2020 school year!

Sincerely,

Bob Maxwell, Superintendent

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The Pullman School District Board of Directors and the Pullman School District shall provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities programs without regard to race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation (including gender expression or identity), marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, participation in the Boy Scouts of America or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. The district will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. District programs will be free from sexual harassment.

The following employee has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: **Roberta Kramer**, Assistant Superintendent, Pullman School District Administrative Offices, 240 SE Dexter Street, Pullman, WA 99163, 509.332.3144. Applicants with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations in the application process by contacting the Personnel Coordinator at (509) 332-3584.

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## New Visitor Entry Systems in Our Elementary Schools

Safety is of the highest priority to all of us in Pullman Public Schools. Over the summer we installed security upgrades at Franklin Elementary, Jefferson Elementary, and Sunnyside Elementary to match the new security standard constructed at Kamiak elementary. The new visitor entry systems will create a secure entry process and restricts unauthorized visitors from coming into schools during the school day.

On August 28th, the new security system will be activated and all interior vestibule doors will be locked during school hours. Using the system is easy. When you visit, you will press the intercom button in the vestibule, then school staff will remotely unlock the door for you. You will still need to sign in and out of the main office as part of our usual visitor procedures. We welcome your visit and appreciate your support of our new visitor procedures!



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## Community Update

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## Community Update

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## Pullman Public Schools Introduces Kamiak Elementary, A Beautiful Learning Space for our students

### *Kamiak Elementary Celebrates with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony*

*1 highly supported bond, approved by voters in February 2016 + 14 months of education specifications and design work  
+ 20+ months of construction = A Beautiful Learning Space for our students*



**Thank You,  
Voters!**

This Learning Space is Made Possible by the Generosity of our Pullman Community.

#### **A Few Facts about Kamiak:**

- Overall Square Footage: 67,150 sf
- 12 Acre Site
- 24 General Classrooms
- 4 Special Education, Flexible Use, and Academic Support Classrooms
- Specialized Spaces for Art and STEM
- Library, Gymnasium, Multipurpose Room, and Stage/Music Classroom
- Designed to Allow for the Addition of 4 More Classrooms in the Future
- \$23.5 million project
- \$7.4 million in state grant funds



We are so grateful to the Descendants of Chief Kamiakin, Kamiak's namesake, for starting the Kamiak Elementary ribbon cutting ceremony with a traditional song blessing all who enter the school.



The ribbon has been cut! Thank you to the hundreds of parents, community members, and students that joined us to celebrate the opening of our new school, Kamiak Elementary!