

New School Board Director Introduction

Arron Carter, School Board Director – District 1



As this is the first article I have been asked to write as part of the Pullman School District Community Update, I thought that I would take the opportunity to introduce myself given that I am the newest member of the Pullman School Board of Directors. After an application and interview process, I was appointed to serve as Board Director for District 1 in March 2023, after the retirement of long-time School Board Director, Susan Weed. I want to take this time to thank Susan again for her many years of service and efforts to make Pullman School District the best that it can be. As an appointed Director, I will finish out the 2023 term, after which there will be a general election to fill the District 1 Director position.

So, a little bit of background now. My family and I have lived in Pullman since 2006, and we have had children in the Pullman School District since 2009. I currently have one child in 5th grade, one in 8th grade, one in 11th grade, and my oldest graduated Pullman High School in 2022. I have been a member of the Jefferson Elementary School PTA for many years and have attended numerous school activities throughout the years while interacting with many of our dedicated teachers. Having students in Pullman School District, and being part of their

education, has helped me see both the strengths of our school district, as well as opportunities for improvement.

On more of a professional side, I have served on the Crop Science Society of America Board of Directors for six years and as a Committee Chair of the National Association of Plant Breeders for three years, serving and representing the members of these organizations. These opportunities to serve have given me additional perspective about the function of Board members, and their roles. At my position at Washington State University, I served for over ten years as a committee member for two interdisciplinary undergraduate degree programs. These positions allowed me to oversee many functions of the program such as serving on steering, curriculum, assessment, scholarship, and award committees. Although at the undergraduate level, these committees have given me insight into the educational process that I feel can be useful as I interact with the Pullman School District staff, teachers, and administrators, as we discuss various topics related to the education of our students.

Probably the most common question I get is “Why did you want to serve on the School Board?” I have thought about taking the opportunity to serve on the school board for many years. When the position became available, and if I was appointed, I felt it was an opportunity to continue to serve local community members to strengthen the excellence we have within our schools. I have always had a passion for learning and have had many inspirational teachers and instructors. Knowing the impact these wonderful people had in my life, I have wanted to give other students the same experience. As I work with other district directors, the school district, and community members, I look forward to serving and helping the Pullman School District excel in the coming years!

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CARMEN ROBERTS
Office Manager, Sunnyside Elementary
Congratulations!

NEWESD 101 REGIONAL CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

WELCOME!

PULLMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES
ANDREW JOHNSON

Mr. Johnson is currently serving as a School Psychologist for Tahoma School District and was selected through a rigorous process to be recommended for hire as the Director of Special Services beginning July, 2023.

Want to learn more about our district's special services program?
www.pullmanschools.org

→ Departments
→ Special Services

We are excited to welcome Mr. Johnson to Pullman!

Summer Meal Program

This summer the district will be offering a free summer meal program (lunch only) for all children 1-18 years of age.

These meals must be eaten at the meal site and will be available at Kamiak Elementary School (1400 NW Terre View Dr) and in Albion.

Dates: July 17 - August 10 (Monday-Thursdays Only)

Time: 11:00am-12:30pm

For more information, please visit:
https://www.pullmanschools.org/departments/nutrition_services

Honoring a Legacy

Wendy Kruger, PHS Athletics & Activities Director

Honoring a legacy; words will always fall short! Doug Winchell has stewarded the Pullman High School Girls' Soccer program for 29 years! If the program averaged 30 athletes a season, Doug has given his time, energy and passion for the game of soccer to about 870 PHS female athletes; he could probably name them all too! Twenty-nine seasons conservatively averages 7,830 hours dedicated to providing PHS female athletes with opportunities for character growth and skill development to thrive in competition. For those of you who know Doug, you know he does not approach any task half-heartedly; he is full-force on the move. It is easy to support a Coach with so much passion and dedication to a job well done. His energy is contagious for athletes, students and staff alike!

In 29 years, a program experiences many highs and lows. If you have watched Doug coach, you know that he is not sitting on the bench watching, he is pacing back and forth experiencing all the 'feels' with and for his athletes. Doug celebrates with his athletes well, he also grieves with his athletes well. Through these experiences he has grown into the Coach and person he is today. Doug's giftings and wisdom have provided athletes with opportunities to mature into young adults and has prepared them for life beyond PHS. A favorite is watching Doug sing the PHS Fight Song with his teams; he leads them into believing in something bigger than themselves.

Coach Winchell said it best: *"So many times I have reminded the girls (and myself) about having some perspective on the fact that it's just a game. But the kicker is this... it may be just a game and, relative to our lives and our communities and our society, what we do at Windy Gulch each day may be insignificant, but it matters. It matters because it is the endeavor we have chosen to undertake. We must always put our best foot forward, develop our craft, seek constant improvement – we must honestly work at becoming the best version of ourselves in this chosen endeavor."*



That is the true value of what we are doing. And, of course, being a team sport, the individual must commit to the group, sacrifice for the group, and embrace the goals and mission and purpose of the group. In the end, wins and losses are not a big deal; the big deal is the commitment and sacrifice for yourself and the team."

One cannot close without mentioning Doug's family; they have supported him through it all. Jodi, Matt and Steph-thank you for your sacrifice so that your husband and father could give to the PHS Girls' Soccer program for so long. He has grown up through this program and so has your family-we are grateful to you!

Doug is our school historian; he reminds us of what has been so that we can continue to move forward to what could be. He values heritage and legacy and his legacy will live on; he is part of PHS History! May we honor what Doug has given to us; I know I will be forever grateful for the time I have been able to serve as his Athletic Director.

Thank you, Doug, from all of us whose lives you have impacted! Go Hounds and Fish On!

Jessica Clark Memorial Scholarship	\$1000	Hazel Welling
Class of 1948 Scholarship	\$1000	Emmanna Lo
Class of 1956 Scholarship	\$750	Rowan Manwaring
Class of 1960 Scholarship	\$1000	Haven Cowan
Mary Paznokas Scholarship	\$500	Alexa Owens
Ryan Brindamour Memorial Scholarship	\$1000	Kieran Hampson
Future Teacher Scholarship	\$2000	Alexis Hendrickson
PEO Pullman Chapter S Scholarship	\$1500	Marissa Carper
Corinne Simasko Memorial Scholarship	\$1900	Ethan Anderson
Noah Evermann Humanitarian Award	\$2500	Brendan Doumit
White Family Scholarship	\$3000	Leila Brown

2023 RETIREES

- **Debbie Carr**, School Nurse at Lincoln Middle School
- **Bill Dolph**, Bus Driver for Pullman School District
- **Clareen Franke**, Core+ Paraeducator at Jefferson Elementary School
- **Marcus McAleer**, Math Teacher at Pullman High School

Thank you for your service, dedication and commitment to the students and staff of Pullman Public Schools!

MIMI DISSMORE



Math Teacher, Lincoln Middle School



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REGIONAL
TEACHER OF
THE YEAR

Congratulations!

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The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Civil Rights Coordinator and Title IX Coordinator, Assistant Superintendent, (509) 332-3144, and Section 504 Coordinator, Director of Special Services, (509) 332-3144. 240 SE Dexter Street, Pullman, WA 99163. Applicants with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations in the application process by contacting the Personnel Coordinator at (509) 332-3584.