

The Bulldog Drool

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NATE SALISBURY, PRINCIPAL

MARCH 15, 2019



March:

18: NTMS PTSA Meeting
7:00 p.m.

19: Beginning Band
Performance 7:00 p.m.

25: Board Mtg 6:00 p.m.
District Office

26: Spring
Choir Concert 6pm
Band Concert
7:00 p.m. commons

April:

8-12: Spring Break

15: NTMS PTSA Mtg
7-8:30 p.m.
NTMS Library



Mrs. Watson's
NTMS 7th Grade
Basketball Team



2019 Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the
Dieringer School District is
underway at this time.

Please call now for
registration details.
(253) 826-4937

www.dieringer.wednet.edu



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**Show your
NTMS School Spirit!!
SPIRIT WEEK
March 18-22, 2019**



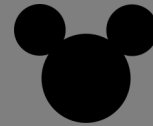
Monday:

PJ Day



Tuesday:

Disney Day



Wednesday:

Sports Day

Thursday:

Tie-Dye Day

Friday:

Color Wars!



6th: Red

7th: White

8th: Black



**Pancake Breakfast and
Raffle Fundraiser**

Believe it or not the work needs to begin already for a successful Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. We are looking for people to begin the task of gathering baskets or donations for baskets. This is the 8th Grade's main fundraiser and we need all the help we can get to make it successful! To sign up to donate raffle items click here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090449a4_f22a1fd0-raffle

Please contact
andreaenschell@gmail.com



STUDENT/BUSINESS YEARBOOK SPONSORSHIPS



PDA's (better known as Parental Displays of Affection) in the yearbook have long been a source of pride for parents and students as well as a source of income for yearbook expenses.

In the past, parents/guardians have sponsored a picture of their student along with a special one-line message. The sponsorship cost is \$30.00.

If you would like to sponsor your student, please email a current picture of them (high resolution -at least a minimum of 1MB) to jsherman@dieringer.wednet.edu. In the subject line, please put Student Yearbook Sponsorship. Your message should be no longer than one line, for example "We are so proud of you Aidan. Love Mom & Dad." Payment can be made in the NTMS front office. This is open to all grades. **MUST BE EMAILED & PAID FOR BY APRIL 5TH!! NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Do you own a business or know someone that does? Get the most of your advertising dollar and show support for the community at the same time by advertising your business logo in the NTMS yearbook. We will be featuring a spread in the yearbook for our business sponsors. \$30.00 sponsorships are affordable, tax deductible and they're seen by many! If you would like to sponsor, please email your business logo to jsherman@dieringer.wednet.edu. In the subject line, please put Business Yearbook Sponsorship. Payment can be made in the NTMS front office. **MUST BE EMAILED & PAID FOR BY APRIL 5TH!! NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Your sponsorships help cover the cost of QR codes, supplies, production, and enables us to customize our cover, add special end sheets and designs.

Thank you for your sponsorships,



The Scoccolo Family
The Salisbury Family
The Bean Family
The Shields Family



Dear Dieringer School District Families and Staff:

This is an important message about snow make-up days, please read in its entirety.

Due to the loss of instructional time caused by the snow closures during the weeks of February 4-15, Dieringer Schools are adjusting the school calendar to meet the number of instructional hours required by the state.

- **June 19 will become a Full School Day.** This day had previously been a non-school day.
- **June 20 will be a Full School Day for grades K-5.** This day had previously been non-school day.
- **Additionally, June 20 will be a Half Day Early Release for grades 6-8 and the last day for grade 8.** Graduation for 8th graders will be that evening at 7:00 pm.
- **June 21 will be the anticipated Last Day of School with a Half Day Early Release for grades K-7.**

The above calendar changes allow us to meet our instructional time requirements and apply for two waiver days from the state, this prevents us from having to make up school days the week of June 24th.

We again want to thank our families and staff for their patience and understanding during our recent snowstorms. The strain and stress that school cancellations and delays cause can be tremendous. Because of that, we never make those decisions unless absolutely necessary for the safety of our students, staff and families. We also realize that the changes caused by the make-up days can be inconvenient for families. If you have trips or commitments planned for any of the make-up days, we ask that you communicate that to your school in advance so that absences can be marked accordingly.

Regards,

Judy Martinson, Supt.



The Mobile Community Services Office is Coming!

Date: Wednesday March 27, 2019

Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Place: Sumner Community Food Bank
1526 Main St. E.
Sumner

At this event, you can apply for:

- Cash Assistance
- Basic Food Assistance
- Medical Assistance
- Medicare Savings Program

You can also drop off paperwork, complete an Eligibility Review, Mid-Certification Review or make changes to an existing case.





¡La Oficina Móvil de Servicios Comunitarios viene!

Fecha: Miercoles 27 de Marzo, 2019

Hora: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Lugar: Sumner Community Food Bank
1526 Main St. E.
Sumner

En este acontecimiento, puede solicitar:

- Asistencia de Dinero en Efectivo
- Asistencia Básica para Alimentos
- Asistencia Medica
- Programas de Ahorros de Medicare

*Usted también puede dejar papeleo,
completar una revisión de elegibilidad o
hacer cambios a un caso existente.*



Legislative Hotline 1-800-562-6000

As the legislature moves into the third month of session, it is critical we continue to let them know the Dieringer School District needs action on four critical areas of underfunding funding:

Non-High*
Special Education*
SEBB*
Staff funding*

It is very simple to call the **Legislative Hotline** to express your concerns to your legislative representatives.

You do not need to know your legislator' name.
They will look them up by your address.
Then tell the person on the phone your message.
Let them know if you want it sent to one or all three of legislators.

And you can also call or email them directly:

Rep. Drew Stokesbary (R), 360-786-7846,
drew.stokesbary@leg.wa.gov
Rep. Morgan Irwin (R), 360-786-7866,
morgan.irwin@leg.wa.gov
Rep. Phil Fortunato (R), 360-786-7660,
phil.fortunato@leg.wa.gov

Thank you for supporting our future—our students!

***Information attached: Shared/Funding/Budget Concerns**



Dieringer Students Excel

The Future of Non-High Districts is in Jeopardy

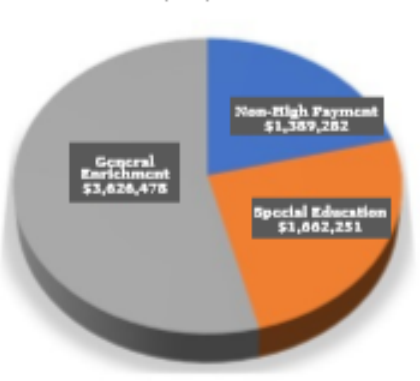
The Dieringer School District is the largest of 43 non-high districts (grades K-8) in the state.

Dieringer has a long (126 year) tradition of excellence in leadership and academic success. Dieringer is a consistently top ranking school district in the state of Washington.

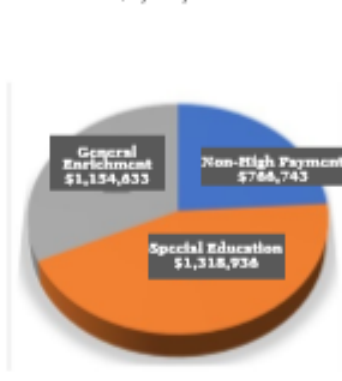
English/Language Arts: 2018 ranked in the top 6.5% Math: 2018 ranked in the top 4.3%

The unintended consequence of changes to the laws regarding non-high (districts without a high school) funding have resulted in less levy dollars being available for locally determined priorities. Failure to have dedicated non-high funding jeopardizes the existence of all non-high districts.

How Dieringer SD Spent Levy Dollars
Before the McCleary Decision
(17/18 school year)
\$6,678,011



How Dieringer SD Will Spend Levy Dollars
After the McCleary Decision
(19/20 school year)
\$3,240,312



General Enrichment
Examples:

- Athletics
- Clubs
- Parent/Teachers
- Counselors
- Nurses
- Other Support Staff

Superintendent Martinson,

Superintendent Reykdal and I had a conversation about this issue. It is apparent that for districts in your situation, the law as passed does not provide a revenue source for non-high payments.

T.J. Kelly, Director

School Apportionment and Financial Services
Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

Potential Solutions:

- Allow non-high districts to levy for our high school students as we have in the past
- Allow non-high districts to collect \$2,500 per student (2018 \$3,500 per student)
- Allow non-high districts a higher levy amount (more than \$1.50 per \$1,000)
- Allow non-high districts to collect the 2019 and 2020 levy amounts already passed by voters (this provides a temporary fix)



Dieringer Students Excel

Shared Funding/Budget Concerns

Issue

Concern

Solution

Non—High*



* District without a high school

- Pre-McCleary, Non-High districts had the ability to levy the funds to make Non-High payments to neighboring districts.
- Post-McCleary, Non-High districts must use reduced enrichment levy funds to make Non-High payments.

- Allow Non-High districts to include high school students in enrichment levy calculations, as in the past.
- or -
- Allow Non-High districts to collect levy amount already approved by voters.

Special Education



- Pre-McCleary, Dieringer voters supplemented Special Ed by \$8,270 per Special Ed. student.
- Post-McCleary, the state continues to underfund Special Ed. with greatly limited levy capacity, Special Ed will still be underfunded by \$5,242 per student.

- Fully fund Special Education as required to meet state and federal regulations and as obligated by state constitution to fully fund basic education.

SEBB—Benefits



- The state mandated benefits system is not fully funded.
- Next year, when our funding is cut by \$1.6 million, Dieringer SD will incur an additional \$355,000 cost for required benefits. This additional expenditure would have to come from the enrichment levy.

- Fully fund SEBB.
- or -
- Abandon SEBB and keep current benefits system.

Regionalization/ Prototypical Model



- Dieringer SD received a lower regionalization factor than neighboring Auburn. This results in lower state funds for salaries.
- The state staffing allocation does not adequately support student needs. Dieringer has no choice but to use enrichment levy funds to hire necessary support staff.

- Better align regionalization designations.
- Re-define Salary Schedule and fund schools based on actual staff mix, rather than a state average.
- Increase allocations to the prototypical school for sufficient certificated and classified staff.

Most of these issues are a shared concerns by Sumner-Bonney Lake SD, Steilacoom SD, Eatonville SD, Otting SD, Tacoma SD, PSESD, WSSDA, WASA, WEA and many more.