School district: Plan designed to put students on track

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As part of the first step in early 2018, the team offered community members a variety of ways to give their input, which generated more than 40 pages of written comments.

"This community is so supportive of us, but they also feel ownership and want to be part of the process and they want to contribute and they want to have a voice," Roley said.

In February, 10 individual focus group sessions were held and attended by about 75 people, including district staff, students, and parents, as well as representatives from public safety groups, the healthcare community, local businesses and nonprofit organizations. The district also posted questions on its website and received responses from an additional 70 people.

The questions asked respondents what the district is doing well, the areas that need improvement and what they personally believe is the most important work of public education. Team members presented the focus group data to the school board in March.

Using the information and insight collected, the team homed in on a few core values held by the community that formed the foundation of the strategic plan. These core values state the school district is committed to providing equitable, safe learning environments; an engaging-well-rounded education; and a focus on collective wellness and community partnerships.

The strategic plan also includes a district mission "strengthening statement: community, inspiring possibility, ensuring opportunity." The vision statement further explains, "In partner-



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District superintendent Sheila Roley addresses the Seaside School District board of directors on Thursday, Dec. 13.

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ship with our coastal community, all of our students pursue excellence as passionate, empowered, lifelong learners.'

The plan only contains two substantial strategic goals, but as Roley pointed out they are measurable and feasible.

"We want things that are focused and sustainable and aren't just a flash in the pan," she said.

The first strategic goal is that by June 2024, all students will be on track to graduate and be prepared with a plan beyond high school.

"We need to know our kids in kindergarten are on track to graduate, and if interventions need to be made, we need to start day

one, because if you're starting when they're 14 or 15 years old, there is a lot of lost opportunity," Roley said.

The second goal is that by June 2024, all students will develop the social and emotional skills to be positive community members.

"We don't get academic achievement without our kids being socially and emotionally healthy," said. "Those two pieces are equally important—you can't have one without the other."

The strategic plan also implementation includes goals for January through June that include gathering accurate data regarding performance indicators and establishing district teams to oversee each indicator. In

August, the team will present a more detailed fiveyear implementation plan to the School Board.

"I like the fact that it's two goals right now they're huge goals - and I like the fact that there's accountability responsibility in the interval," school board member Patrick Nofield said.

During the life of the strategic plan, the district leadership team will conduct an annual review of progress and revise specific targets and actions, presenting a revised five-year plan to the school board each August. The various committees also will periodically report to the school board on what activities they have accomplished, what activities they are planning, and the results. Likely those presentation will begin after spring break in 2019, when the groups have more information to share, Roley

The board unanimously approved the plan; board members Lori Lum and Mark Truax were absent.

Helping Hands: Center is on the move in Seaside

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Helping Hands now operate 11 emergency homeless shelter and reentry program facilities, providing up to 190 beds per night in Clatsop, Tillamook, Yamhill and Lincoln counties.

The new Seaside property is owned by the state Department of Transportation and leased for \$150 a month. Repairs include a new kitchen, bathrooms and flooring, Russell said. "We're actually going to be increasing our capacity at that facility with this renovation," she said. "We're trying to add as many beds as we can to meet the needs of the homeless in this



The Helping Hands Reentry Outreach Center on the west side of U.S. Highway 101 has closed. A new facility is undergoing renovations on the east side of the road.



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offer information regarding advance directives and physician orders for life-sustaining treatment," she said. "The goal is to help people remain in their home safely."

The interdisciplinary team provides assistance and information about medical alerts and mobile medical alerts and medications management; transportation to doctor's visits; senior peer outreach; senior peer mentoring. The program offers safety assessments to minimize the risk of falls, as "every patient is at the risk of falling," she said.

Services do not include housekeeping or laundry.

"Most of the patients are independent people," French-Peterson said.

help them determine their goals for their health care." This is accomplished by a process she called "motivational interviewing," taking the time to develop a relationship of trust with patients. Goals are ones the patient wants to work on, not goals set by the physician or the visiting nurse.

Home Health's office is maintained by French-Peterson and a small staff of team assistant Carol Sumaray, speech language pathologist Julie Wisecup and charge

nurse Jolie Taylor, R.N. "We're here to alleviate suffering, both physical and emotional," French-Peterson said. "We help people learn to control their symptoms at home and create their own symptom management plan."

Chronic illness is eligible for palliative care, she

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