

# Sherman County School District



## Communication to the Community

Issue #25

From Sherman County  
School District  
Moro, Oregon

**WORKING TOGETHER TO PUT STUDENT SUCCESS FIRST**

**April 23, 2018**

Sherman County Parents, Families, Staff, and Community Members,

The safety and well-being of our students and staff is our District's top priority. With the recent tragedies in the United States, continued conversations at the local, state, and national level have centered on establishing policies and procedures designed to keep everyone safe in our schools. The Sherman County School District is extremely thankful for the collaborative efforts of many community agencies and committees that have been working diligently on adding to the numerous safety measures already in place.

In order to be open and transparent on the collaborative work that is being done regarding safety measures, the Sherman County School District will be hosting a safety presentation/school community conversation on April 30, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

During the presentation/school community conversation, the District Administration, Sheriff's Office, Safety Committee Representatives, and community partners will share information on current safety measures/emergency preparedness protocols that have been implemented, the collaborative work the District and Sheriff's Office has been involved in to ensure student and staff safety, and proactive safety ideas and proposals. There will also be an opportunity for questions from constituents.

The main mission of this meeting is to share the collaborative and extensive research efforts between the District Safety Committee (consisting of representatives from the Sheriff's Office, Emergency Services, Oregon Department of Transportation, Mid-Columbia Transportation Company, Sherman County Road Department, City of Moro, Sherman Preschool, Local Fire Departments, and the School District) and the Sherman County Sheriff's Office to protect our community's children while they receive an education.

In closing, please encourage your student(s) to talk to a trusted adult (parents/guardians, teachers, administrators, counselors, and/or law enforcement) if they hear or see any potential concerns or threats in school, in the community, or online. This is never easy for students; however, students are among the best sources of information we have to help school staff maintain a safe environment.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and partnership with the Sherman County School District to provide our students with a safe, supportive, and enriching learning environment.

As always, I encourage your feedback and participation in the life of our school. I welcome your comments, questions, or concerns. Please give me a call at 541-565-3500 or send me an email at [wowens@sherman.k12.or.us](mailto:wowens@sherman.k12.or.us).

Sincerely,

Wes Owens  
Superintendent

