

# Sherman County School District



## Communication to the Community

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**WORKING TOGETHER TO PUT STUDENT SUCCESS FIRST**

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Driven by a strong desire for continuous improvement, the Sherman County School District launched a strategic planning process in August of 2010 to define the goals and priorities of the district based on thoughtful input from constituents. The team was comprised of School Board members, administrators, teachers, support staff, community leaders, and parents. This group met monthly and for special work sessions for more than a year to develop the comprehensive plan. This work led to the approval of the 2012-17 Sherman County School District Strategic Plan. The current School Board and staff are presently in the preliminary stages of developing a new plan that is dedicated to providing the best education possible for every student in the District.

Embedded in the 2012-17 Strategic Plan was a proposal to enhance our Counseling and Career Guidance programs and hire a Dean of Student Success. I am pleased to share with the school community that we have made tremendous strides with this mission. We are working diligently at establishing a more comprehensive system of support for all of our students. During the 2012 school year, we had a part-time Counselor and a two day a week on-site Mental Health Counselor. This school year we have expanded to a full-time certified K-12 Counselor, full-time Dean of Student Success (mostly funded through state-wide Measure 98 grant funds), a three day a week on-site Family Care Coordinator (fully funded through Mid-Columbia Center for Living), and a two day a week Mental Health Counselor (partially funded through Juvenile Crime Prevention Funds).

The following are brief descriptions of each position:

**K-12 School Counselor (Ms. Angie Totaro) [atotaro@sherman.k12.or.us](mailto:atotaro@sherman.k12.or.us)**

Individual Student Planning and Goal-Setting | College and Career Readiness | Academic Planning | Conflict Resolution Support | Social Emotional Learning | Family Support and Referrals to outside agencies | Responsive Services; Individual or group counseling.

**Measure 98 Dean of Student Success (Ms. Piper Jones) [pjones@sherman.k12.or.us](mailto:pjones@sherman.k12.or.us)**

Career and Technical Education Program Development | College-Level Educational Opportunities Support | Dropout Prevention | Positive Behavior Intervention and Support | Attendance Monitoring | Tutoring and Academic Support.

**Family Care Coordinator (Ms. Ariana Bradley) [abradley@sherman.k12.or.us](mailto:abradley@sherman.k12.or.us)**

Skills Training | Conflict Resolution | Social Emotional Support | Positive Behavior Intervention & Support | Community Engagement.

**Mental Health Counseling (Ms. Jan Leonard) [jleonard@sherman.k12.or.us](mailto:jleonard@sherman.k12.or.us)**

Responsive Services | Behavior Plan Development | Behavioral Assessments | Skills Training | Threat Assessments | County Interdisciplinary Team.

This is a perfect opportunity to thank those who are directly involved in counseling services within the Sherman County School District as National Counseling Week is February 5-9, 2018. Please join me in recognizing and honoring them for their collaborative efforts in supporting student success/achievement, and their unique contribution to our school community.

As always, I encourage your feedback and participation in the life of the Sherman County School District. I welcome your comments, feedback and questions. Please give me a call at Sherman County School 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

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National School  
Counselor Week**  
Thank your Counselor Today!

