**Student Success Act Update**

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From the Superintendent’s Office:

As you may know, the Student Success Act requires that we involve our stakeholders in knowing how to spend the additional money that will be coming to our district. We are excited to share some of the feedback we have received from students, parents, staff, and members of the Nyssa community. The estimated amount we are projected to receive is $1,150,000 for the 2020-21 school year. According to the Oregon Department of Education, this money is projected to be ongoing, and will require that we continue to write plans for it each year, and report on our progress each year.

The law allows investment in any of four areas: reducing class size, well-rounded education, instructional time, and health and safety. All initiatives must be used to meet students’ mental and behavioral needs and to increase academic achievement while reducing academic disparities of historically underserved populations. Administrators expect most programs targeted to help their underserved student groups will have wide benefits.

From the feedback we have received, below are some of the most common ideas we are considering for our students:

* Additional teacher/s to reduce class sizes
* School nurse to create and maintain medical plans, to track and administer medications
* Elementary counselor
* Certified mental/behavioral/student success specialist in addition to regular counselors in order to help students remain in school and be successful.
* Increase instructional assistants to give more help to struggling students
* Additional access to special education resources
* Establish a Pre-K/pre-school program
* Specialized class for higher need/lower functioning student (Life Skills)
* Broaden curriculum offerings for STEM, CTE, etc.
* Improved food offerings in the cafeteria for breakfast and lunch
* Improve safety and security around the school and the buses
* Improve the playground at the elementary school since the structures are old and dangerous.