



Fact Sheet Regarding FRCS

Money follows students-

- FRCS receives State School Fund which includes local property taxes based on enrollment. OSD is required by the state to act as a fiscal agent for FRCS, but otherwise has no governance authority or service requirements outside of special education and assessment.
- The **impact** on OHS of the FRCS 9-12 program adding 30 students per year (see FRCS Secondary Implementation Plan) could equal up to **\$900,000** per year after their program is fully implemented.
- This amounts to an eventual reduction (**CUTS**) in services and staff at OHS of up to **14 teachers and multiple programs** including athletics and academics. Cuts will begin in the 2016-17 school year based on FRCS enrollment.

Families have the right to make choices-

- They **do not have the right** to choose from multiple educational entities (i.e. their student cannot attend OHS for Project Lead the Way, Fruitland for Band, Vale for Football **and** FRCS for Dual Language).
- When a parent chooses a school they get all that school has to offer but forego the offerings of other schools.
- FRCS **can** choose to create athletic programs with the revenue they receive from the state just like OSD does.

Four Rivers Community School is a public alternative to OSD schools-

- FRCS is a state sponsored charter school **by choice**, a totally separate entity from OSD.
- As per state law, OSD retains 5% of State School Fund (\$100,000 per FRCS) in grades K-8, for 9-12 it will be 2.5%.
- OSD chooses to use these funds for additional special education services to FRCS students and other administrative activities although OSD is not legally required to use these funds in any specific way for the benefit of FRCS. However, the services provided to FRCS by OSD far exceed the 5% retained.
- These retained funds have **NEVER** been allocated to athletics for FRCS students.
- **OSD has allowed FRCS** middle school students to participate in athletics in the past **because** we believed they would be entering our high school.

OSD Policy regarding participation is a charter school policy.

- The policy **does not exclude** private school students.
- Homeschool students are allowed participation by OSAA rule 8.5.1(a).
- According to OSAA Rule 8.5.1(d), a student attending an associate member school may represent the public school **if** both high school principals agree. Nonparticipation of non-sponsored charter school students is currently in practice in many districts across Oregon, including but not limited to Crook County, North Bend, Burns, and Beaverton.

OSD School Board is charged with acting in the best interest of OSD students.

- There will be significant financial harm done to OHS programs if we allow or encourage students to leave our school system. Giving access to the special things like athletics that are part of our appeal to families and students will encourage families to make choices other than having their children attend OHS.
- FRCS students are not OSD students.

Ontario High School is a comprehensive accredited 9-12 school. We offer an excellent program and have TIGER pride!

- Beginning in 2016-17 **OHS will offer** a bi-literacy pathway with content classes in Spanish for interested students.
- We **welcome all students** to enroll if they want to have full access to our programs. **Be a Tiger!**