



# KLICKITAT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**To: Klickitat Community**

**Re: Community Support Needed for Klickitat School and Community Center**

Dear Klickitat,

I am writing to request your support in helping to keep an eye on and care for our school grounds and community center properties. Here are some important things to know:

**Ongoing Underground Plumbing Issue:** We have a very complicated and ongoing underground plumbing issue at the Klickitat Community Center. The district has struggled to resolve and identify expertise to support us with fixing this issue. Thankfully, a construction crew has been working on the issue this week. We ask that community members, especially children, stay away from the closed community center parking lot due to marked hazards. Unfortunately, we have had recent thefts of hoses and other equipment from the community center site, barriers being taken apart, and messes being made with dirt clods and rocks. Please help us keep everyone safe and represent our community well to those working on our project.

**Klickitat Gymnasium Projects:** Several projects are being completed in the Klickitat Gymnasium this summer, and contractors and equipment will be in and out. Therefore, the gate from the school blacktop down to the trail and the vehicle gate by the playground will be closed, and the blacktop at the main school campus will be closed overnight and during the day to maintain safety and security. When July lunch service starts next Monday (11:30-12:30), the pedestrian gate on the sidewalk between the elementary building and the playground will be open for access to the multipurpose room cafeteria for lunch service.

**General School Grounds and Property Use:** Across all school grounds and properties, we have seen an increase in inappropriate use, resulting in trash, messes, and damage to landscaping, doors, buildings, etc. Please help us keep an eye on our school properties to maintain safety and good condition. Ensure that children under 12 are supervised and accompanied by an adult if using the school or community center properties. All school grounds and properties are closed to unauthorized use after dark.

**Extra Substitute Staff Members Needed:** The district is still looking for extra substitute staff members this summer to support various grounds and maintenance projects, both indoors and outdoors. If you are interested in joining the sub pool call list, please contact the main office for more information.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our school, students, staff, and community safe and in taking care of the things we are glad to have in our community. You are welcome to contact me or direct any questions or concerns to the main school office at 509-369-4145.

Warmest regards,

Kendrick Lester  
Superintendent