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AVERY WALZ



800m TRACK & FIELD STATE CHAMPION

Seaman Viking Community,

It is with mixed emotions as I write my last address to you all as your Superintendent of Seaman Schools. I have been in public education for 30 years and I am so proud to have spent the last six with you. This year marked my 13th graduating class as a Superintendent and I have never been more proud to watch a group of young adults, who have already been through so much adversity, walk across the stage more prepared for life after graduation because of their resilience, perseverance, and ability to adapt to change when faced with challenges. I wish all of our new graduates, past graduates, and future graduates a lifetime of happiness, success, and achievements.

As I reflect on the last six years of my career, I realize that some of my most significant accomplishments have been achieved while working collaboratively with this great school community. I would like to take a moment to look back and remember some of the work we did together with our students always centered as our priority.



1. First District Building Dedicated to Early Learning

In 2018, Seaman School District welcomed preschool students into its first-ever early childhood center. Since then, the district has prepared around 300 three and four year olds for kindergarten each year. Mathes Early Learning Center continues to look for ways to continue to meet the needs of our youngest learners and their families.

2. District Namesake Process

I'm proud of the difficult work our school community put forth in tackling this challenging topic after years of hearsay. We confronted the facts and found a way to move forward together. All the while acknowledging that there is still work to be done in diversity, equity, and inclusion.

3. Equity Council Formed

Seaman Schools has been busy moving forward in its work in diversity, equity, and inclusion and now has a committee focused on this effort. Every student and staff deserves to feel like they belong in our school community and we are excited to help create an environment that fosters respect, grace, and kindness to each and every member of our school community.

4. Blended Learning Classrooms

Each year, more and more teachers in the district train to transform their classrooms into blended learning classrooms, which combines digital learning with traditional learning, allowing us to better meet the individual needs of each student. We continue our efforts to have over 80% of our staff trained in the blended learning framework.

5. K-12 One-to-One

With the forward thinking effort from the Seaman School District staff and board, our district was better prepared for the challenges that faced us with remote and hybrid learning during the pandemic. After a redistribution of current inventory, every student in our elementary, middle, and high school has an Apple device assigned to them for on-site or remote learning. Our one-to one initiative creates the optimum learning environment for blended learning to occur.

6. Individual Plans of Study

Every student in Seaman Middle School and Seaman High School now develops a plan that is tied to their career and life aspirations. This plan is reviewed and updated as students gain experience and knowledge in their future endeavors.

7. College and Career Pathways

Seaman High School has grown its pathways program from nine to 26. Career pathways allow our students to focus on careers with intro level, technical level, and application level classes in 26 different career paths. Our efforts in these areas have provided more opportunities for our students to receive industry recognized credentials in a variety of fields positioning them for greater success after graduation.

8. Five-Year Strategic Plan

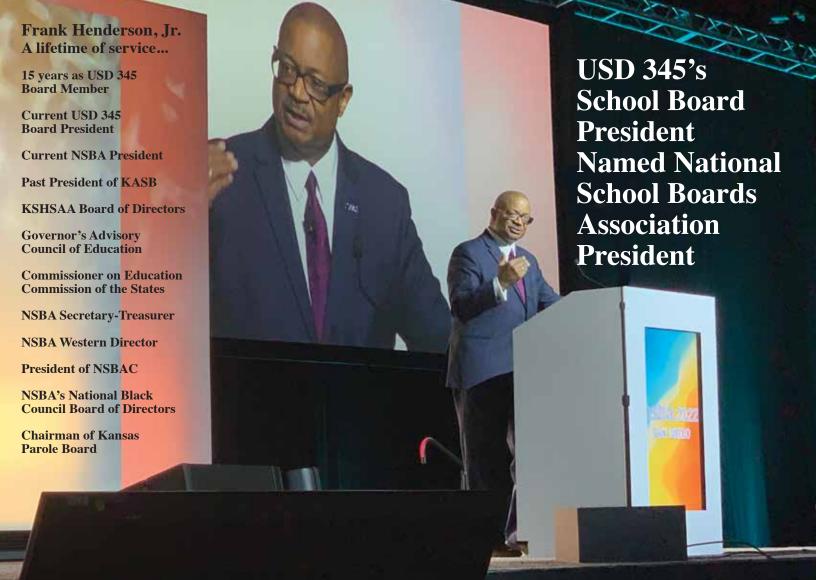
The end of next school year will mark the expiration date of the district's "Learning Without Limits 2.0." This plan was developed and implemented to align with new KSDE goals and outcomes. Learning Without Limits 2.0 has been our framework in our accomplishments and achievements.

9. COVID-19 Response

I would be remiss to not mention the district's planning, processes, and protocols related to the global pandemic which drastically affected education. Never in my years of education would I have imagined the unique way in which our school community had to pivot, adjust, and respond to the array of challenges COVID-19 brought forth. Our staff remained on the front lines serving students and families in every capacity possible. Parents remained flexible and engaged as we partnered like never before.

10. Seaman Strong

Public education is facing challenges nationwide, not to mention our own local trials affecting our district. We're seeing teacher shortages, support staff shortages, increased levels of student absenteeism, and other obstacles like never before. It is my hope that our Seaman Strong school community will come together and rise above the hurtful rhetoric we're seeing displayed by those determined to tear us apart with misinformation and distortion of facts. The real fact is...our teachers, staff, board of education, and students need and deserve your support. Every day, they're working hard to keep kids and families engaged in their education and future. They're helping meet the basic needs for some of our most disadvantaged population. They're addressing the increased social and emotional needs of our children who are going through some difficult times. The bottom line is, we have tremendous people who care deeply about your children and I hope we can all remember that through the disruptive and destructive noise. We are Seaman Strong.



NSBA President Frank Henderson Jr.: "Every Student Matters"

During his address at NSBA's Annual Conference, new NSBA President Frank Henderson thanked the people who supported and encouraged him during his career while outlining a vision for public education that ensures that every student matters.

"How many of you are parents or grandparents?" New NSBA President Frank Henderson Jr. asked at NSBA's third general session. Most of the audience members raised their hands. "So you understand how the role of parent or grandparent and school board members are intrinsically linked," he responded. "I'm sure many of the school board members here today began their service following a similar path."

Like the audience members, Henderson's road to school leadership started with his children. He volunteered at their elementary schools, joined the PTO, served as PTO president, then became a member of the district site council. From there, he ran for and earned a seat on the Seaman USD 345 Board of Education in Topeka, Kansas, in 2007. He was active in the leadership of the Kansas Association of School Boards, serving as president. Henderson continued his journey when he began his term as the 2022-23 president of the National School Boards Association.

"During those days as a parent-volunteer, I saw firsthand the powerful impact that every adult can have in a child's life," Henderson told attendees. "I know you have seen the same, and that's a 'why' we can all share because we know every child matters. That's why we serve."

Henderson, who worked in state social services and in the criminal justice system for over 25 years, was appointed to Kansas Governor

Laura Kelly's Advisory Council on Education and also appointed by Governor Sam Brownback as a commissioner on the Education Commission of the States.

During his conference remarks, Henderson highlighted some of the recent legislative victories that NSBA members have advocated for on behalf of students and public education—including \$123 billion in federal funding for K-12 public schools in the American Rescue Plan, \$3 billion for IDEA, and \$7 billion to close the Homework Gap.

"That's what happens when we're united and focused on what's best for our students. You all should be very proud," he said over applause.

But Henderson also reiterated the message shared by NSBA Executive Director and CEO Dr. John Heim on Saturday that we need to keep getting better, working hard, and moving forward in the service of public school students.

NSBA conference attendees are here "because we know we can make a difference," Henderson said. "It is our responsibility, in partnership with families, to ensure that each child is given the individualized, specialized, and tailored opportunity to succeed and reach their God-given potential. Regardless of conditions, needs, experiences, characteristics, and giftings, we take that combination, unique to each child, and work to bring about the best outcome for each and every student."

"When students have the academic, social, and emotional supports they need and an adult who cares about them, they are unstoppable," Henderson said. "Likewise, when teachers, administrators, and staff have the resources they need and an advocate backing them, they are unstoppable."



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- 25) Patrícia Herbster, SMS
- 24 Connie Child, SEC
- 24) Monisa King-Gibbs, Elmont
- 16) Sherrí Barbo, Logan
- 16 John Cornett, West Indianola
- 15) Daniel Fund, Maintenance

- Larry Wischropp, PHLC
- Sherry Johnson, SMS
- 6 Ann Crask, SEC
- Steve Noble, SEC
- Nancy Hedges, West Indianola
- Jan Frickey, SMS
- Karen Watson, Elmont

Congrats

Class of 2022









Scholasships _

Cassandra Amrein

KU - Chancellor's Award KU – School of Engineering Scholarship DAR Good Citizen Local Chapter DAR Good Citizen State

WU - Culver Memorial Academic

Ryan Anspaugh

KU - Chancellor's Scholarship

Anson Appelhanz

KU - Chancellor Scholarship SEAF General Scholarship

Hailey Armstrong

UMKC - Professional Career Escalators Scholarship UMKC - Regnier's Institutes' Summer Scholarship

UMKC – Provost's Scholarship UMKC - Blue Tier 1

Abigail Bailey

WU – Academic WU - Presidential

Camden Barta

ESU - Presidential (Academic) ESU - Athletic (Football)

Shannon Barta

WU - Academic Scholarship WU - Presidential Scholarship Beulah Gideon Joy Foundation for Business Legacy Scholarship

Drew Baxter

Sunrise Optimists Scholarship

Timothy Biggs

Bethany College – Athletic BBB - Student of Integrity Awards Scholarship Bethany College - Academic Kansas Kiwanis Scholarship Sunrise Optimists Scholarship

Megan Bloom

Alyssa Boos

Blanche-Bryden Scholarship WSU – Academic

Emily Brewe

KSU - Royal Purple KSU - Academic Merit Award

Anna Brodine

WU – Presidential Scholarship WSU – Heritage Merit Scholarship Seaman Historical Society

Adam (AJ) Brooks

WU - Dual Credit Scholarship KU - Academic SEAF Amy Lietz Scholarship KU - Oppt and Access Grant KU - Rock Chalk KU - Hixson Opportunity Award O'Brate Foundation Scholarship

Kendal Broughton

WU - Academic

Alexandra Cannon

WU - Academic Eva B. Johnson Scholarship

Lily Cannon

Colby – Equestrian Team Scholarship Colby - Carr Estate Fund Colby - Early Visit Scholarship

Braden Colley

WU - Academic WU - CEP Program Scholarship Dale C Marcoux Scholarship WU - Athletic (Baseball)

Kennedy Cook

Chuck Logan Scholarship

Randi Crai

Eva B. Johnson Scholarship

Tatum Crow

WU – Academic Howard T. Jackson Scholarship Blue Cross Blue Shield of KS Credit Union Scholarship SEAF General Scholarship

Brinlee Deeter

KSU – Floyd O Wolfenbarger Scholarship Topeka Art Guild - Pansy Louise Byrd Scholarship

KSU – University Scholar Award KSU - Academic Merit Award

Aaralyn DeHart

WU – Academic

New College of Florida – NCF Scholarship New College of Florida - Presidential

Landon DiLeonardo

KSU - University Scholar

Kelcie Duddina

Colby – Carr Estate Fund Colby – Admissions Academic ACT Scholarship

Skylar Duncan

WU - Academic

Chloe Edinborough Presidential Scholarship

Frederick-Alexander Education Scholarship

Kyson Evans

Sunrise Optimists Scholarship

Brilea Flott

WU – Academic

Leah Forrer

Viking Brew

FHSU - Black and Gold

Brody Gormley South Dakota State – Athletic (Football)

Gabriella Grace

Blue & Gold Scholarship UNK Swimming Scholarship SEAF Ed Albert Scholarship

Lawson Greig

WU - Academic

Austin Harden Kansas Wesleyan - Athletic (Tennis) Kansas Wesleyan – Music

Madyson Hardesty

KU - Academic

Kobe Jordan

KU - Crimson & Blue

Grace Keating

WU - Academic Chuck Logan Scholarship

Ainslev Kramer

Eva B. Johnson Scholarship

Justin Kruse

KSU - Limestone Award

Ellise Langdon

KU – Chancellor

Kiera Leighton

Richard Leiker

WU – Academic

Bridget Lockhart

KU – Chancellor

Alexandria Lupton

ESU – Presidential Amy Lovell Scholarship Seaman KNEA Scholarship

Ruth Macial

Fort Hays Achievement Award

Anna Magill

Colby - Accelerated Outreach Tuition Colby - Early Visit Colby – Admissions Academic ACT SEAF Technical and Community College Shawnee County Extension Foundation 4-H King & Queen

Erik Martinez

KU – 4yr Partial Scholarship WU – 4yr Patial Scholarship K-State Salina - Academic WSU – Academic

Mason McConnaughev RL Crummins Scholarship Cloud - Presidential

Bailey Meggison

WU - Academic

Makenzie Millard Peru State – Athletic

Peru State - Academic

Madison Minger KU - Crimson & Blue

Kavlee Moe

Evangel University – Academic Evangel University - Athletic

Jace Moore

WU – Academic

Melanie Moore

WU - Presidential

Jason Moss Coffeyville - Athletic (Golf)

Corbin Mott WU - Academic

Topeka North Rotary Scholarship

Hannah Mott WU – Academic WSU – Merit Scholarship WU - Nall Speak-Off Topeka North Rotary Scholarship

Rylee Murray North Central Missouri - Athletic (Softball)

Kvlea Mvers

WU – Academic Emily Stueve Memorial Scholarship WU - Alumni Association Legacy

Scholarship

Samantha Myers KU - Chancellor's

Larisa Myrick KU - Chancellor's

Kevinh Nauven

KU - Chancellor's KU - School of Engineering KU - Self Engineering SEAF General Scholarship

KU - Oppt & JHWK Access Grant

Ellie Noble KSU - Test-Optional Scholarship

Olivia Oliva

KU – Strings Music (Cello) KU - Chancellor's TPAC Young Artist Competition Award

Avary Polter

Chuck Logan Scholarship

Breann Poteete WSU - Merit Scholarship Samantha Roman

WU - Academic Harriet Hayes Austin Memorial Scholarship (Nursing)

Amaya Rutter

WU - Academic KU - Chancellor's

Emma Schultz First Lutheran Church Endowment

SEAF General Truman State - President John R Kirk

Scholarship

Morgan Sharp

WU - Academic

Alaina Smith

WU - Academic **Emma Smith**

ICC - Athletic (Softball)

Casen Stallbaumer ESU - Athletic

Amiya Stafford-Gardenshire WU - Academic

Flizabeth Stover WSU – Freshman Merit

Scholarship Jackson Stuewe KSU Scholar Award

Kansas State Academic Merit Award

SEAF General Scholarship Morgan Kottman Memorial Scholarship

Renae Sturgeon

2021 TPAC Young Artist Award for Creative Writing KSU – Landmark Scholarship Kansas Masonic Foundation Scholarship FEEA Scholarship

Taylor Tenpenny KU – Chancellor's Scholarship KU – Business Leadership Program SEAF General Scholarship

Grace Unruh

FHSU – Victor E Scholarship FHSU – Athletics Gwen Vanl eeuwen Blanche Bryden Scholarship SEAF General Scholarship Kansas Kiwanis Scholarship

Johnsonville Employee

National Honor Society

Scholarship Semi-Finalist Topeka North Rotary

Scholarship

John Wagnon James P Cox Scholarship SEAF General Scholarship Boston University – Presidential

Gavin Wilhelm

WU – Gene & Karen Cullinane Scholarship WU – Mayo M. Schmidt Business Scholarship WU – Raymond A. & Janice D Stewart Scholarship WU – Athletic

Haylee Williams

WÚ – Academic

2022-23 Enrollment Fees

Fees	Half Day Prek	Full Day Prek	Grades K-6	Grades 7-12
Instructional Materials	\$45	\$90	\$90	\$80
Instructional Materials - REDUCED	\$15	\$40	\$40	\$35
Instructional Materials - FREE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Technology	\$20	\$30	\$30	\$50
Technology - REDUCED	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$30
Technology - FREE	\$0	\$0	\$5	\$25
Total	\$65	\$120	\$120	\$130
Total - REDUCED	\$25	\$50	\$50	\$65
Total - FREE	\$0	\$0	\$5	\$25

ONLINE ENROLLMENT

Online enrollment in PowerSchool opens June 27. You will receive an automated email, inviting you to enroll your child in the 2022-23 school year. Fees may be paid online through the Seaman webstore. Call the tech department at 785-286-8483 if you need your login info. There will be a link to the Seaman webstore at the end of the enrollment email to pay fees.

If you complete online enrollment and have paid your fees online, there is no need to attend the walk-in enrollment. Walk-in enrollment will be held on July 26, 3:00-7:00 pm at Seaman Middle School.

FREE/REDUCED MEAL AND FEE INFO

Direct certification letters will be mailed from Seaman Food Service to eligible households in July. Households receiving this letter do not need to fill out a Free & Reduced paper application. Households receiving the letter for Direct Certification have the right to decline the benefits.

On July 1 all current students and new students will be full pay status. Students will need money on lunch accounts unless they have received a letter from USD 345 stating that they have been approved for Free or Reduced meals for the 2022-2023 school year by the end of July.

If you do not receive a direct certification letter but think you would qualify for free and reduced meals/fees you will need to fill out an application and consent for disclosure form. The free and reduced application will not be available until after July 1, 2022. The application will be available online. All students will be considered full pay status until a completed application is received and approved by USD 345 Nutrition Services staff, unless direct certified.

Families that qualify for free or reduced meals may also receive free or reduced enrollment fees after completing and submitting a consent for disclosure form.

Food Service Questions or Questions on Free and Reduced Status? 785-575-8650

WALK-IN ENROLLMENT

The district will host a Walk-In Enrollment at Seaman Middle School from 3:00-7:00 pm on July 26 for all schools. Laptops will be available for those who need assistance completing online enrollment. Booths will also be set up to assist with health, food service, and transportation questions. If you have successfully completed online enrollment and you have no questions, there is no need to attend walk-in enrollment.

Schedule changes will NOT be part of walk-in enrollment. Students who need to speak to a counselor about schedule changes will need to email or visit their school building on designated days. Students will NOT receive their laptop during walk-in enrollment. Student laptops will be distributed on designated days according to the calendar.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School supply lists can be found on school websites. Seaman High School does not post a school supply list.

TRANSPORTATION

Bus transportation is provided to all in-district Seaman students. Sign up at enrollment online or at walk-in enrollment on July 26 from 3:00-7:00 pm at Seaman Middle School. Busing requests or changes require a three-day notice, prior to becoming effective. Only requests or changes made prior to August 11 will be effective for the first day of school. Changes must go through the district office by calling 785-575-8600.

A responsible person is required to be present and visible to receive each kindergarten and preschool student at the end of the school day.

STUDENT DRIVERS

10-12 graders are the ONLY students who qualify to park on campus. Parking permits are required (\$20) and purchased online. Fees collected from parking permits are used to improve district security. Students must participate in the random drug/nicotine/vaping testing program to be eligible for a parking permit.

PARENTS AS TEACHERS

Parents as Teachers is a FREE program offered to anyone in the Seaman School District. It is a voluntary program designed for all families with children ages prenatal to kindergarten entry. Parents as Teachers (PAT) is based on two important concepts: 1.) Parents are their child's first and most influential teachers and 2.) experiences in the first years of a child's life are key to future success in school and life. Parents as Teachers offers personal visits, group connections, screenings and a resource network. Call 785-224-3797 for more information. Also check out our Facebook Page, Seaman Parents as Teachers USD 345.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT ENROLLMENT

Out-of-district students may be admitted to the extent that staff, facilities, equipment, and supplies are available. Applications are accepted between April 1 and July 31. Families will be notified in writing of the enrollment decision. Call 785-575-8600 for more information.



Email Questions: mnienstedt@usd345.com

More Information: www.seamanschools.org/employment



June 6 - July 28 Mondays - Thursdays 11 am - noon

Logan Elementary School 1124 NW Lyman Rd Closed Monday, July 4th

WE ARE HIRING! **School Staff Needed**





Bus Drivers Substitute Teachers



Custodians



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Online Enrollment is Open in PowerSchool June 27	28	29	30	District Office Closed No Summer Lunch July 1	
	No Summer Lunch District Offices Closed in Observance of Independence Day	5	6	7	District Office Closed No Summer Lunch	
	SHS Parking Permits Available Online Board Meeting 6:00 pm	12	13	14	District Office Closed No Summer Lunch	
	18	19	20	21	District Office Closed No Summer Lunch	
	25	Districtwide Walk-In Enrollment @ SMS, 3-7 pm only for those who need assistance w/ enrollment	27	Summer Lunch Program Ends	Don't Forget to Submit Out-of-District Student Applications (Due July 31) District Office Closed	
	School Offices Open August 1	Counselor's Office Open for SHS Schedule Changes SHS Laptop Checkout 8:00 - 11:00 am	Counselor's Offices Open for SHS & SMS Schedule Changes SHS Laptop Checkout 8:00 - 11:00 am MELC PTO 5:30 - 6:30 pm	Counselor's Office Open for SMS Schedule Changes SHS Laptop Checkout 11:00 am - 3:00 pm SMS Open House 5:00 - 6:30 pm	5	
	Board Meeting 6:00 pm	9	10	Last day to enroll in order to get bussing on the first day of school	MELC Screening Day	
	15	Freshman/New SHS Orientation @ 6:00 pm	Elementary Sneak Peeks 5:30-6:30 pm	First Day of School (K-10)	First Day of School (11-12) MELC Sneak Peek 5:30-7:00 pm	
	First Day of School (MELC)	23	24	25	26	

2022-2023 School Meals FAQ

Q: Are school meals free for all students for the 2022-2023 school year?

A: No. On July 1, 2022 all current students and new students will be full-price status. Students will need money on lunch accounts unless they have received a letter from USD 345 stating that they have been approved for Free/Reduced meals for the 2022-2023 school year by the end of July. Families can also apply through the USD 345 Food Service Department.

Q: How can I get Free or Reduced priced meals for my child/children? Will I need to complete a Free & Reduced Application to qualify for free/reduced meals for the 2022-2023 school year.

A: Yes, for the last two years all students have received free meals due to Covid-19. That benefit expires at the end of the 2021-2022 school year and all students will be considered full-price status until a completed Free/Reduced application is received and approved by USD 345 staff.

Q: When will the Free and Reduced application be available and where can I apply?

A: The Free/Reduced Application will not be available until after July 1, 2022. The application will be available online.

Q: Do I need to fill a separate application for each child?

A: No, all the children in the household go on one application, even if they attend different schools here at Seaman. All people living in the household should be listed and any income earned must be listed.

Q: Are there any other benefits I might be eligible to receive?

A: There is a "Consent for Disclosure" form that you can complete to receive reduced enrollment fees if you qualify. It will be with the Free/Reduced Application and should be returned with the application.





Children need healthy meals to learn and Seaman School District offers healthy meals every school day. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals. Please submit your application today! Call 785-575-8650 for more info.

Online Payments for Student Meal Accounts

MY SCHOOL BUCKS

www.myschoolbucks.com

Manage your entire family's school meal accounts online. You will need your student ID number to receive:

- 24/7 convenient access to prepayment service, account balance and purchase history info.
- Automatically receive low balance email notifications.

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Notice for a Drug Free Workplace

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in Seaman USD 345. Violators will be prosecuted.