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Legislator Committee on Student Success Coming to Baker SD

*The Joint Committee on Student Success will hold a Public Hearing
7 p.m. April 24, 2018 – Baker HS Auditorium*

Members of the Joint Committee on Student Success will visit Baker City to hear from parents, students, teachers, administrators, school board members, business leaders and others on April 24.

The bipartisan, bicameral Joint Committee on Student Success aims to explore the best practices employed in Oregon’s most successful schools and develop recommendations to address the gaps that are limiting student success in other schools.

A public hearing will be held at **7 p.m. at Baker High School in the auditorium.** All community members are encouraged to attend.

Superintendent Mark Witty stated, “This is an honor for Baker School District to be chosen to host the unprecedented Joint Committee on Student Success. Students from Baker, Grant, Harney, Malheur, and Wallowa Counties are being invited to share their view of education from a student’s perspective. The committee has specifically asked to tour Baker Technical Institute which has led the way in Career Technical and Vocational Education in Oregon. The legislators will also be given the opportunity to tour our elementary schools. I am proud to be part of a team that is recognized at the highest levels of our state government as a district that is doing great work for our students!”

The Baker 5J schools exist to be the center of community vitality eliminating the barriers for gratifying individual educational experiences in order to have capable contributing citizens with character.
BACKGROUND: Baker City is the second stop on a statewide tour by the committee. It is co-chaired by Senator Arnie Roblan (D-Coos Bay) and Representative Barbara Smith Warner (D-Portland). The Co-Vice Chairs of the Committee are Senator Tim Knopp (R-Bend) and Representative Greg Smith (R-Heppner). From Baker City the joint committee will head to Hermiston for a full-day of activates and public hearing at 7 p.m.

About Baker School District 5J
Nationally recognized Baker School District 5J (BSD) in Baker City, OR, is the largest of three rural school districts in Baker County, serving 1,700 students and employing over 110 educators and staff. District elementary schools include Brooklyn Primary School, Haines Elementary, Keating Elementary School, and South Baker Intermediate. Baker Middle School and two high schools, Baker High School and Eagle Cap Innovative High School, are also part of BSD. Additionally, BSD sponsors two charter schools, Baker Web Academy and Baker Early College, each offering teacher-supported online education. BSD provides next generation education for the future of Eastern Oregonians and launched Baker Technical Institute (BTI), a career and technical program that partners with regional employers and industry experts to provide an innovative education in hands-on fields. BSD believes strong schools are the foundation of strong and vibrant communities and is committed to prepare students to become successful life-long learner.

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