

# Looking Back at 10 Years of Athletic Excellence by PSD Student-Athletes

### A report to the Puyallup School District Board of Directors

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It has been said that a steady diet of excellence can cause one to become complacent in recognizing outstanding achievement – and it can often cultivate a lack of enthusiasm for success. To counter such potential for apathy ... PSD Athletic Department has taken the opportunity reflect back ten years on our Tradition of Excellence.

### **Significant Actions**

- AED devices installed at all HS and JH athletic facilities
- Added 9<sup>th</sup> graders to high school athletics in all sports
- Increase in the squads, especially in female sports.
- SPSL restructured from 18 to 9 teams
- Facility Improvements include three all-weather turf FB/Soccer fields installed in the PSD. The partnership construction of Heritage Rec Center on PSD owned property-- featuring an all-weather baseball field and a new all-weather turf Soccer Field to be added the summer of 2018.

# **Current Athletic Offerings**

- Junior High: 9 sport opportunities over four seasons
- High School: 26 Varsity offerings with 59 different JV & C squads at each HS
- Special Olympics / Unified Sport offerings in six different sports

## **Individual Accomplishments by PSD Student-Athletes**

- Over the past ten years, PSD student-athletes have earned individual state championship titles in 40 WIAA events
- Four students have won three or more state championships
  - Kayla Stueckle, 5 state titles in Track
  - Jordyn Bartelson, 4 state titles in Wrestling
  - Kishia Mitchell, 3 state titles in Track
  - Eric Simpson, 3 state titles in Track

#### **Team Accomplishments**

- 133 league/division championship trophies earned as members of the South Puget Sound League (24 sports per school year awarded in the SPSL)
- 22 West Central District or Regional Team Championships
- 81 top-8 State Tournament finishes earned by PSD teams over the past 10 years.
  - 8 state championship teams
  - 12 second place state tournament placings
  - 8 third place state tournament placings
- Six Unified/Special Olympics State Gold or Silver medals

#### **Academic Accomplishments**

- 18 WIAA Academic State Championship honors since 2009
  - 14 of those coming since the 2013-14 season