



CONNECTION

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Westwood's ILC students shared their goals & skills



EHS Robotics team will compete at state!

In Partnership with YOU!



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For decades, each school district in our state has had the ability to request money for schools from local levies. When I was a student in the Enumclaw School District, these levies occurred every two years. Because of the expense of elections to school districts (we have to use taxpayer money in order to put an item on the ballot), the state has allowed school districts to extend the time period to four years. It is our goal to stay on the same election cycle as many of our neighboring school districts. The last passage of our four-year Maintenance and Operations Levy was in February 2014 with a replacement ballot measure coming in February 2018.

When the state legislature finalized their work on July 20, 2017, they had made some significant changes for how school districts collect local money from a levy. These changes fall into two major categories:

Change #1: Amount of levies

The legislature has established new guidelines for districts. The base guideline is districts collect the lower of either \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value or \$2,500 per student. For our school district the lesser is \$1.50 per 1,000 of property value. The \$1.50 per 1,000 is a significantly lower tax rate than the one we passed in 2014 which was on the ballot for \$3.89 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

The Legislature has used other funding mechanisms at the state level (including raising property taxes as decided by their vote) to make up the difference decided by local voters. When the numbers are finalized we are hoping to be provided with additional funding than we were previously funded. The intent of the McCleary lawsuit was for an increase in money toward public education.

Enumclaw SCHOOL DISTRICT all students achieving at high levels

REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING LEVY FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & OPERATIONS

Year	Levy Rate (\$/1000)
2015	3.89
2016	3.89
2017	3.89
2018	3.89
2019	1.50
2020	1.50
2021	1.50
2022	1.50

*Levy rates per \$1000 assessed value approved by voters in Feb. 2014

BALLOTS DUE FEB 13 2018

INVEST TODAY. IMPACT TOMORROW.

This is not a new tax.
The proposed levy replaces the expiring Maintenance & Operations Levy

Local levies are needed to support:

- SAFETY & SECURITY
- SPECIAL EDUCATION
- EARLY LEARNING
- SPECIAL PROGRAMS
- ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES
- TRANSPORTATION
- STAFF TRAINING

Because of the complexity of these changes, we are still in the process of receiving this information from our local Puget Sound Educational Service District and OSPI.

Change #2: Name of levies

The second big change is in the title of the levy used by districts across our state. Instead of Maintenance and Operations Levy, it will now be called Educational Programs and Operations.

Having given you this global background, here are some key bits of information for each of you.

- Levy Title:** Educational Programs and Operations
- Date:** February 13, 2018
- Tax Rate:** \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed prop-

erty value (significantly less than our measure in 2014)
Levy dollars provide for activities beyond the state allocation including but not limited to: safety and security, transportation, early learning, special education, special programs, athletics & activities, and staff training

The information on our website is growing each week. There are funding comparisons, frequently asked questions and answers, and links to helpful materials. We welcome questions and inquiries. Please reach out to us at (360) 802-7102. Ballots are scheduled to arrive in mailboxes later this month.

Mike
- Mike Nelson, Superintendent

Construction Update

Weekly updates are available on our website at www.enumclaw.wednet.edu then click on "Capital Projects and Construction Updates."

Enumclaw High School

Enumclaw High School construction progress continues at a steady pace. The pictures show the commons areas on the second level of the classroom wings and the different levels of progress. Construction in the science wing (near Semanski St) is ready for paint while the general classroom wing is ready for spray insulation. The hallway spaces are designed to improve flow of traffic during breaks and provide gathering areas that are conducive to learning for smaller groups during class time. The Washington State Arts Commission (ArtsWA) Board approved a public art project for Enumclaw High School as part of the Art in Public Places program.

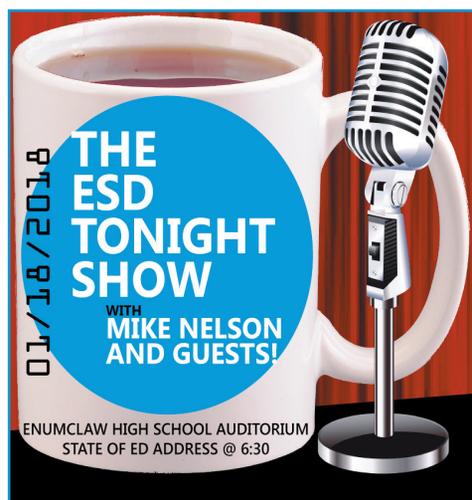


iSTEM Expo: Hands-on Fun!

The Enumclaw Schools Foundation and Enumclaw School District are thrilled to announce the 6th annual Interactive STEM Expo (iSTEM Expo) on Thursday, February 8 with the theme of "Mathematics – The Universal Language." This free event is held at the Enumclaw Expo Center Exhibition Hall from 4:00-7:30 pm and is open to students in K-12 grades, as well as their families and members of the community. With more than 70 exhibitors at the iSTEM Expo, there are plenty of opportunities for authentic hands-on activities to get kids excited about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Booth exhibitors range from private industry to county agencies to District programs. Check out how doughnuts are made, perform CPR, operate a robot, harness solar energy to move objects, use a heat gun, weld materials together, examine a rocket . . . and the list goes on! The Construction and Architecture students from EHS will also be showing off their tiny house! Several food trucks will be on site for attendees to purchase dinner, dessert, snacks and drink options. Stop in anytime during the event! Parking and admission are free.



January 18th is State of Ed



Education has changed significantly since most of us were in school. What remains the same are caring professionals who work together to create quality environments in which students thrive. Join us on January 18th in the EHS Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. to learn about our District-wide goals, initiatives and experiences that lead to a stronger, more cohesive educational program.. We'll deliver the information with an emphasis on fun and collaboration. The theme for this year's show is the Tonight Show with Mike Nelson and Special Guests, and the event will be followed with cookies and hot chocolate in the EHS Library.

Calendar of Events



For event details, visit www.enumclaw.wednet.edu or contact the school.

1/18	State of Education Address	2/2	Early Release
1/19	Early Release	2/5	School Board Work Study
1/22	School Board Meeting	2/8	Interactive STEM Expo
1/26	Early Release & Semester Ending	2/9	Early Release
1/31	EHS Unified Special Olympics Slam the Stands	2/16	Early Release

January Gratitude



Our five School Board Directors and two Student Reps dedicate their time and energy to creating high-quality public education for our community. They are entrusted by this community with responsibility for overseeing the District's nearly \$52 million annual operating budget, 3948 students, 558 employees, and nine buildings. January is School Board Recognition Month and we are honored to celebrate our leaders:

- Tyson Gamblin
- Foster Barnhardt (Junior rep)
- Peyton Brueher (Senior rep)
- Nancy Merrill, Vice President & Legislative Representative
- Jennifer Watterson
- Bryan Stanwood, President
- Tina McGann, WIAA Representative

Remember this Election Day

Every **VOTE** COUNTS!

**TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 13th**