

Report to Our Community

2019-20

Longview

PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT DAN ZORN

Longview schools are on the rise

We are excited to bring you this annual report. It chronicles student and staff successes, and the positive direction of Longview Schools. The district is on the rise.

Back in 2012, the high school graduation rate dropped to 67 percent and the district was struggling. Now in 2019, the high school graduation rate is 86 percent and above the state average for the second year in a row.

It's not just graduation rates that are doing well, it's test scores too. Looking at the year-to-year trend, we can see how students are progressing in both math and language arts. The reading gains are quite impressive, with an average 15 percentage point gain of students testing at or above state standards compared to the first year they were tested. This means about 420 more kids are now reading at the standard level. In math, we have seen a 2.4 percentage point gain in the number of kids who test at or above state standards versus the first year students were tested. In both subject areas, and in all grade levels, the gains we're experiencing far exceed the average gains across the state.

We are focused on providing students the best education possible, which will also give them the most options for life after high school. Our ultimate goal is to have our students graduate high school ready to work, ready to pursue additional education or training, and/or to apply to the military.

The mission of public schools is one of the most important in the community - educating all kids, no matter their life circumstance. We appreciate your support.

Superintendent Storytime

Reading aloud is one of the best ways to increase early literacy. Join Superintendent Dan Zorn as he does storytime on Facebook Live every Thursday.

If Thursdays aren't convenient, visit bit.ly/SupStory and let Dr. Zorn do the reading any other night.



OUR MISSION: To ensure that every student learns the knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviors to become a responsible citizen in a rapidly changing society.

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TITLE IX COORDINATOR AND CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR: Tony VanderMaas, Assistant Superintendent • (360) 575-7004 • tvandermaas@longview.k12.wa.us
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High-tech vocational center open at R.A. Long

With a strong focus on vocational programs, and with a grant of \$1.1 million, Longview Schools constructed one of the most advanced high-tech vocational labs in the area.

JH Kelly won the bid to remodel the old wood shop at R.A. Long High School and turn it into a modern science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) center for students across the district. The new high-tech STEM lab is focused on medical bioscience, robotics, and drone technology and provides a professional, work-like setting, to help students be more career-ready.

“We want our students to be as competitive for these jobs as students in Clark County,” said Jill Diehl, executive director of student services. While the lab is located at R.A. Long, students from Mark Morris and Discovery High Schools can also attend classes at the high-tech lab.

The district invested donated, grant, and other monies to remodel and build the pre-apprenticeship program at Mark Morris last year. The new lab at R.A. Long expands the vocational curriculum.

If you would like a tour of the new STEM lab please reach out to the district office at 360-575-7500.

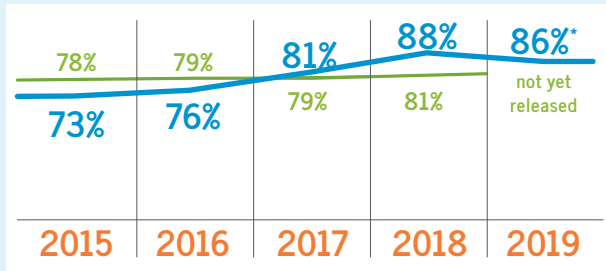
MARK MORRIS STUDENT DESIGNS LOGO

With a goal of building “real world skills” for his students, Mark Morris High School DECA adviser and marketing teacher, Mr. McCormick, jumped at the chance for his students to participate in a contest to design a logo for the pre-apprenticeship program. Sophomore Jaxon Eaton won the contest out of dozens of entries. Eaton’s logo encompasses the look, feel and purpose of the pre-apprenticeship program, while having a modern feel.



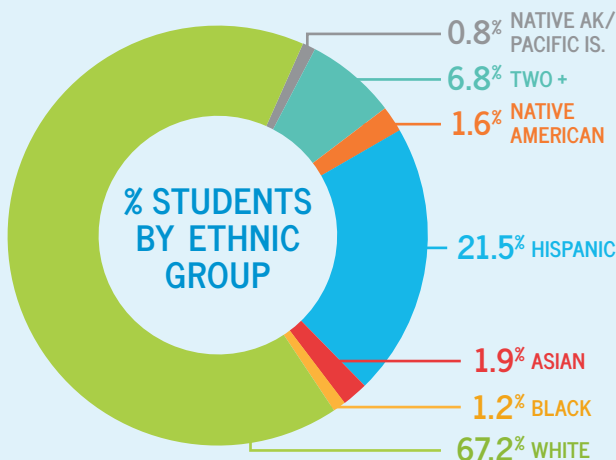
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GRADUATION RATES



● LONGVIEW ● STATE

TOTAL STUDENTS: 6,749**



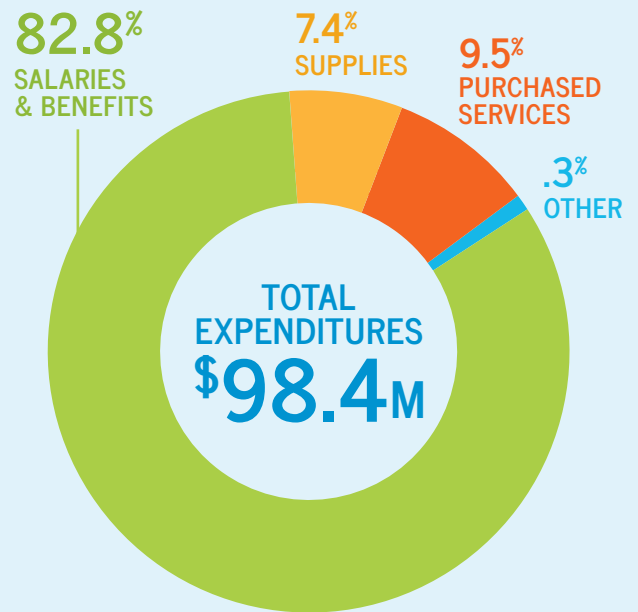
60% OF OUR STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICE LUNCH

STUDENT : TEACHER RATIOS

Kinder. 19:1 1st-3rd 21:1 4th-12th 24:1

2019-20 District Finances

BUDGETED EXPENDITURES



BUDGETED AMOUNT PER STUDENT FOR 2019-20

\$12.6k + **\$2.6k** = **\$15.2k**
 STAFF SALARIES & BENEFITS OTHER DISTRICT EXPENSES TOTAL PER STUDENT

BUDGETED REVENUE SOURCES

SOURCE	2019-20
LOCAL LEVY	\$8,359,800
LOCAL NON-TAX	\$1,727,215
STATE	\$58,746,118
FEDERAL/GRANTS	\$26,979,902
OTHER	\$194,385
TOTAL	\$96,007,420

NOTE: Data is per approved 2019-20 budget.

For more details, visit reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us. Under "Organization Type," select "School District," and under "Organization," select "Longview."



Rising Star: Sarah Luedke

BASKETBALL STAR GRADUATES HARVARD, LANDS JOB AT GOOGLE

Longview Public Schools helps students launch successfully into college and career. Fairly recent graduate and a notable Rising Star, Sarah Luedke, attended Northlake Elementary, Monticello Middle School, and graduated from R.A. Long in 2015. She went on to get a Bachelor's in Economics from Harvard, and was recently by Google as an Associate Product Marketing Manager.

"This is my dream job. This is the job I wanted forever," said Sarah Luedke of her new position, right out of college, at Google. She landed it the same way she's achieved so many other things: by setting goals and never ceasing to work toward them.

"I've always been very goal-driven, from an early age. I have memories of spending hours on my own training in the gym so I could get good enough for a scholarship." Luedke went on to play basketball for Harvard

after being a four-year starter at R.A. Long and breaking eight records in points, blocks and rebounds.

When asked about people who have motivated or inspired her, she said, "My parents and grandparents have all been hard workers. Seeing their dedication has been influential." She also mentioned Susan Andrew

(now Susan Greenberg), one of her teachers at Northlake Elementary. "She gave me a passion for learning. And, at a young age, gave me the feeling that I could do things."

Luedke recalls, "I was never the smartest one in the room in Harvard, but I always felt just as capable as anyone else. I always had something to contribute."

Her advice for LPS students, "Don't sell yourself short. You have something to offer."

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Staff Spotlight

Mrs. Julian, instructional coach
Cascade Middle School

What makes for a good teacher? You have to like whatever grade level you are teaching, that is first and foremost. Secondly, even as a veteran, you need to be open and coachable. As a teacher, it is your responsibility to share your skills with experienced teachers and the newbies.

What is the best part of being a teacher? When they come back to you and say, "Mrs. Julian, I loved having you as a teacher." I was lucky to have all of the sixth graders and they come back and they want a hug, they tell you that they love you.

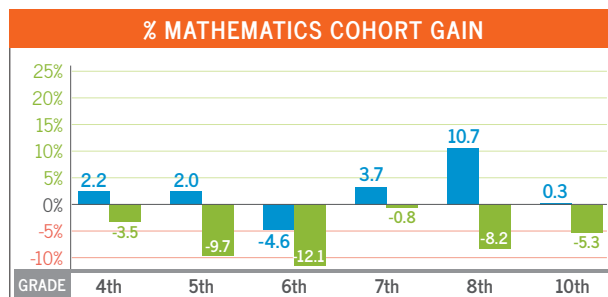
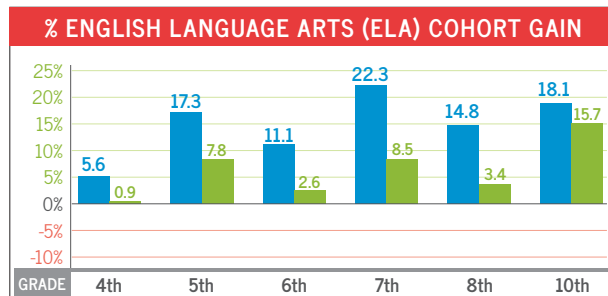
What is the worst part of being a teacher? When the kids leave you, especially when they go to high school because you may not see much of them anymore. It is bittersweet. The other worst part is when you hear they one of them have lost their life. That just gets you.

What would you tell people who do not have kids in school what school is like today? I have been in all of the schools as a district coach and the staff, including the paras, the custodians, the bus drivers, the teachers, the principals that we really do have the student in mind, which is first and foremost. I want them to know we are giving it our all.

Read more of Mrs. Julian's spotlight at:
bit.ly/JulianCMS

2018-19 Standardized Test Results

GAINS SINCE 1ST YEAR TESTED



● LONGVIEW ● STATE

2019 AVERAGE TEST SCORES

GRADE	ELA	MATH	SCIENCE
3rd	39.6	42.5	-
	55.4	58.0	-
4th	41.6	38.2	-
	56.9	54.0	-
5th	51.7	37.5	42.3
	60.4	48.3	53.2
6th	49.1	38.1	-
	56.9	46.8	-
7th	55.7	44.4	-
	60.6	48.7	-
8th	54.3	43.0	42.5
	58.0	45.8	51.6
10th	62.7	32.1	-
	69.7	40.2	-
11th	-	-	35.8
	-	-	34.8

● STATE AVG.

CAPITAL BOND PRIORITIES



CAREER TECHNICAL / VOCATIONAL UPGRADES

PROJECTED COST: **\$8.4M**

**MARK
MORRIS &
RA LONG**

- Remodel existing structures to improve and expand welding, construction technology, STEM & culinary arts program
(In addition to the new pre-apprenticeship program at Mark Morris and the high-tech career technical/vocational center remodel currently underway at RA Long.)
- New trade equipment to get programs to industry standard



SAFETY AND SECURITY

PROJECTED COST: **\$4.2M**

**ALL
SCHOOLS**

- District-wide security notification system
- Update lighting & security cameras
- Install new fencing
- Control foot traffic through front doors: "walled in" glass vestibules and secure entrances, visitors will be screened and buzzed in from entryway vestibule through locked security doors



SCHOOL REPLACEMENTS

PROJECTED COST: **\$90.4M**

**MINT VALLEY &
NORTHLAKE**

- Tear down existing structures and build larger schools
- Update technology in the classrooms
- Enhance safety & security features
- Eliminate use of portable classrooms
- Move mandated Special Education preschool program to Northlake



LARGE REPAIR PROJECTS

PROJECTED COST: **\$9.4M**

**ALL
SCHOOLS**

- Repair leaking roofs, HVAC systems, electrical problems, boilers, plumbing
- Remodel bathrooms & repair concrete
- Renovate or replace worn flooring, exterior siding & locker rooms



STADIUM / ATHLETICS

PROJECTED COST: **\$7M**

**LONGVIEW
COMMUNITY**

- Upgrade the main grandstand, repair water & concrete damage, replace seating & roof
- New turf for soccer/football field
- New running track, lighting, scoreboard & storage
- Update and remodel locker rooms

2019 CAPITAL BOND COST

PROJECTED COST: **\$119M**

- \$176 per year or \$15 per month as the approximate cost for the owner of a \$200,000 home (estimated)
- \$.88 per \$1,000 of assessed property value
- \$119 million total projected cost for all projects



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OUR COMMUNITY'S FUTURE



BEING WORK-READY

- Remodel existing structures to improve and expand welding; construction technology; Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM); & culinary arts program. (The bond money will help complete work previously done through grants, donations and existing district funds.)
- New trade equipment and tools to get programs to industry standard.



KEEPING STUDENTS & STAFF SAFE

- Modern double-door, secure entrance systems will be installed at every school to control the flow of people into our buildings.
- District-wide security notification system.
- Update lighting & security cameras.
- Install new fencing.



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