



# Connections



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## School Board Recognition Month

The month of January is School Board Recognition Month in Washington state. The goal of this recognition is to honor school board members as outstanding volunteers and champions for public education. "School directors provide a passionate voice of advocacy for public schools and the welfare of school children," says Governor Inslee in his proclamation. Read the full proclamation [here](#). Interested in learning more about what our Board of Directors does? You can see [videos](#) of every school board meeting on the district website.

## School Board to vote on April 2016 bond measure

The Lake Washington School district is rapidly growing. Enrollment has grown by 625 students per year for the past five years - enough students to fill five large elementary schools. By the beginning of next school year, there will be 168 portables across the district. Growth will continue in the years ahead. A 62 member Long-Term Facilities Task Force developed a set of recommendations for the district to address both growing enrollment and aging schools. A bond funding plan is required to implement the Task Force recommendations. On Monday, January 25, the Board of Directors will vote on a bond funding plan. If approved, the measure would go before voters in the district on the April 26, 2016 ballot. More information about the proposal is available [on the district website](#).

## Planning ahead - High School Guide helps

Planning ahead for next school year? The [LWSD High School Guide](#) informs high school students and their families what is required to earn a Lake Washington high school diploma. This guide is an important start to the process: your high school's course catalog will provide more information. Your student's counselor will be an important partner and will be able to answer questions you may have. The guide includes:

- The numbers of credits needed in specific subjects, and some alternatives
- How to make sure the courses taken prepare a student for their future
- Information about state testing requirements and the High School and Beyond Plan
- Other ways to earn credits for graduation

## Planning ahead - Kindergarten registration begins February 4 at your neighborhood school

If you live in Lake Washington School District and you have a child who will be five years old on or before August 31, 2016, it is time to register them for kindergarten. Registration takes place at your neighborhood school, beginning on February 4 from 1 p.m. to 7

## School News



Tesla STEM High School/Darrington Elementary School Partnership - 3:25

### [STEM Partnership: Tesla STEM High School & Darrington Elementary](#)

After the landslide in Oso, state leaders saw a need for the students - many of whom attend Darrington schools - to understand STEM concepts to help the community recover. From this need, a partnership developed between teachers at Tesla STEM High School and Darrington Elementary (K-8). Tesla STEM brought 32 students to guide middle-school students through five different activities, including an experiment about water quality at a local river. [Watch the video.](#)



### [Cambridge International Examinations names six Juanita High School students "Top in Country"](#)

Cambridge International Examinations names six Juanita High School students "Top in Country" for their efforts on last spring's exams. These students achieved the highest standard mark in the U.S. for a single subject. Madelyn Colantes received two "Top in Country" awards in different subjects, English and history. [Read more.](#)

p.m. For more information, including what you will need to bring with you to registration, go [to the district website](#).

## [Quick Links](#)

### [Upcoming Events](#)

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#### Planning ahead - School open enrollment period is February 1-26

Parents and students who are interested in schools within the district other than their neighborhood school may want to consider an [in-district variance](#). An open enrollment period from February 1 through 26 gives families the best opportunity to take advantage of these options. These transfers are possible only if space is available. Because of the growing student population in our district, fewer schools than ever can accommodate students from outside their neighborhood boundaries. The closed school list for the 2016-17 school year will be posted on the [district website](#) as of February 1.

#### Elementary conferences start next week

Elementary parents, don't forget that parent/teacher/student conferences take place next week so school will be half day only on January 26, 28 and 29 (Tuesday, Thursday and Friday), with the regular early release time on Wednesday. Half day dismissal times are available [on the district website](#).

#### Safety Spotlight: What is a modified lockdown?

Regular practice helps ensure that schools are prepared in the case of an actual emergency. During the month of January, each school will practice a "modified lockdown." The goal of a modified lockdown is to protect the students and staff inside the school from potential dangers outside of the school. This type of lockdown is typically used when events in the vicinity of the school may pose a threat (i.e., a bank robbery near the school). During the drill, the staff practice locking exterior doors and close all windows and blinds. Students are recalled from outside areas, and no movement between buildings is permitted. Student movements between rooms or in the halls are limited and supervised.

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