



# Connections



February 14, 2018

## A Message from Dr. Traci Pierce, Superintendent

### February 13 Election Update

Dear Lake Washington Families,

February 13 election night results are in. Over 50% of Lake Washington School District voters approved both the Educational Programs and Operations Levy and the Capital Projects Levy. This means that both levies are passing! We are grateful and pleased with the support from our community. As a result, we will be able to continue to provide high quality educational programs and staff; technology access; and warm, safe, and dry facilities for our students and staff.

While over 50% of voters also approved the bond measure, sadly, it is not passing. Bonds require 60% voter approval to pass.

Had it passed, the bond measure would have funded new school buildings and classroom space we need to accommodate our growing student enrollment. Lake Washington is rapidly growing by about 700 students per year. All of our students need a place to learn, and funding for school construction must come from the local community. The state does not provide districts with funding for school buildings and classrooms.

In 2015, a Long-Term Facilities Planning Task Force developed a recommendation for the building projects needed to accommodate district growth. A series of four bond measures were to provide funding for the projects. The first of the four planned bond measures passed in 2016, and a number of construction projects are underway as a result. The February 13 bond measure was the second of the four planned bond measures.

Since this bond did not pass, we will need to work to develop a plan to move forward. All of our students still need a place to learn. In 2015, The Long-Term Facilities Planning Task Force developed recommendations for alternate scenarios and options if the district could not garner enough community support for bond measures. In the months ahead, the Board of Directors and I will analyze different scenarios and options to ensure that all of our students have a place to learn.

While the 2018 bond measure did not pass, we remain committed to providing our students with the best educational experiences possible. Again, we are grateful and pleased that our levies are passing!

I know that many parents and community members worked very hard to support the measures. Thank you for all your effort, dedication, and ongoing commitment to Lake Washington and our students.

Sincerely,

## Learning-Focused

### **Sixty-one Lake Washington teachers achieve, renew National Board Certification**

**Sixty-one Lake Washington School District teachers** achieved or renewed their National Board Certification®, as announced by the [National Board for Professional Teaching Standards \(NBPTS\)](#). Forty-four teachers were certified for the first time and 17 teachers renewed their certification this year; certifications must be renewed every ten years. Teachers from around the district completed the process and were recognized at the February 5 School Board meeting. [Read more about the 61 teachers who achieved, renewed their National Board Certification.](#)



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## Important Reminders & Updates

### **Reminder: Registration window for Advanced Placement (AP) exams opens soon**

The registration window for Advanced Placement (AP) exams is a little earlier this year than in past years. Registration will take place from February 21 through March 7. AP exam dates are May 7 to May 18 with late AP exam dates from May 23 to 25. Students will receive registration materials in their AP classes. If your student is enrolled in an AP class, please remind him/her to sign up by 1 p.m. on March 7 to be able to take the exam. For more information, visit the [College Board AP Central website](#).

### **Reminder: Lake Washington Schools Open Enrollment is February 1-28, 2018**

#### ***Most schools closed to those outside their area***

Lake Washington School District holds an open enrollment period once each year for parents who want their children to attend a school other than their neighborhood school. Parents may apply between February 1-28 for a change to the school assignment for the 2018-19 school year for their student in grades 1-12. This option is also known as an In-District Variance.

This open enrollment option only applies to neighborhood schools that have space available. [The list of schools that are closed to students outside their neighborhood is available on the district website.](#)

Schools are closed if current and projected enrollment shows that students who live within their attendance boundary will fill the school's capacity. Learn more on the [In-District Variance webpage](#).

### **Upcoming deadlines: Alternative options for high school PE credit**

To earn a high school diploma, students must earn 1.5 fitness credits. There may be special circumstances where a student may have an alternative option to meet this fitness-credit requirement. These alternative options are available beginning in the student's 11th grade school year.

One option, the Fitness Knowledge Assessment, will be given on February 28. For information on this option and how to sign up, go to [the district website](#). Students who want to use a different option, the Fitness Plan, will need to submit their plan by February 28. [The Fitness Plan directions are available on the district website](#).

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## Work With Us

### LWSD Educator & Administrator Job Fair – Coming soon!

Lake Washington School District will hold an [Educator & Administrator Job Fair](#) on Saturday, March 10 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Lake Washington School District Resource Center (16250 NE 74th Street, Redmond, WA 98052). Learn more on the [Employment page of the LWSD website](#). LWSD will also be at many career events throughout the region. See our schedule here: <http://www.lwsd.org/employment/career-events>.

### Want a new job for the new year? We're hiring!

LWSD needs bus drivers, para educators and instructional assistants. Job descriptions are available on the [district website](#), under “Employment” then “Classified Employees.” Bus drivers earn \$24.80 per hour. [Learn more about why driving a bus for LWSD is a great job](#). Please share this information with your friends and neighbors.

### Sodexo/Nutrition Services is hiring

Are you looking for a way to get involved in LWSD? Would you like a part-time job that gives you the flexibility to be with your kids before and after school? Shifts that range from two hours to eight hours are available, helping serve students breakfast and lunch. Starting pay depends on experience. If interested, contact Nutrition Services at 425-936-1385.

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## Student & Staff Success

### Eastlake student volunteers her way to prestigious community service award

**Rachel Roberson**, a senior at **Eastlake High School**, is being recognized as a Distinguished Finalist by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. Rachel is being honored for her impressive community service work with Relay for Life. [Learn more about Rachel and The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program](#).



### Cultural Game Night brings families together

Over 400 **Rose Hill Elementary students and families** came together on January 11 for Cultural Game Night. When students and families arrived at Cultural Game Night, they received a passport. Throughout the night, they “traveled” the world. They collected passport stamps and learned about other cultures by playing games and sampling traditional candies from around the world. [Learn more about Cultural Game Night at Rose Hill Elementary](#).



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Quick Links: [LWSD Website](#) | [Upcoming Events](#) | [Peachjar Community eFlyers](#)

