

# PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## *Compass*



**Congratulations to the Class of 2021**

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# A Fond Farewell from the Superintendent



**DR. ART JARVIS**  
Superintendent

**G**oodbye. At times like these, the word takes on more intensity and more feeling. I have an unconditional need to express my good wishes as I depart from the Peninsula School District. I arrived three years ago as an outsider and felt like I was welcomed immediately. Moreover, I was quickly permitted to join in the effort to look for solutions to an extraordinarily vexing issue – our facilities. Three years later, I get to leave with four beautiful elementary schools ready for the children of this community.

What a privilege it has been to be a part of that transformation. Add the impending work at two middle schools and it feels wonderful.

Three years ago, none of us imagined what the past 15 months would hold. I have had a long career that even included a couple flu epidemics, but nothing prepared us for the closure, fear, sickness, death, and total disruption of our schools. I want to offer a simple thanks to so many of you who worked with us at so much cost to your families and children. You demonstrated grace as we worked through issues that had no clear answer, and much dissent. I will always treasure the kind voices that offered support and trust.

I want to offer specific gratitude to our school board. Even in the best times, school board members have the dubious distinction of serving in the most thankless volunteer job of all. In circumstances like this past year, their job has been impossible. Our board

members deserve commendation for their diligence and integrity as they did everything humanly possible to serve the kids of this district. I am very appreciative of their support and deeply grateful for the opportunity to work with them.

I offer a parting thought to the broad community. As we consider the fall, I think of it as a recovery time, when we get to work with our students in-person five days per week. I also think of it as a renaissance. In my mind, it is a time to leave the dark period behind and find joy in what we can do for our young people who have sacrificed so much. It is a time for creativity, innovation, and an openness to fresh starts.

In closing, thank you for the friendship. Peninsula will always remain as a part of my family. In the words of an old Irish blessing, “May the dreams you hold dearest be those that come true; may the kindness you spread keep returning to you.”

## Dr. Jarvis Served as PSD’s Superintendent from 2018-2021

**O**n July 26, 2018, the Peninsula School District Board of Directors selected Dr. Art Jarvis to be the interim superintendent for the 2018-2019 school year. He continued as superintendent for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years. We thank him for his service to PSD students, staff, and community.



Pictured on Cover (L to R): Tyson B., Connor F., and Abigail R. pose in their graduation caps and gowns.



# Happy Summer Break!

Students Celebrate the End of a Year Like No Other at School





# Congratulations to the Class of 2021

## Community Transition Program

June 16, 2021 | Key Peninsula Civic Center

The Community Transition Program (CTP) supports young adults as they transition to life after high school while achieving the greatest degree of independence and quality of life. The program focuses on work skills, personal management, and community access.

Molly Ciaciuch  
Grady Dessert  
Anthony Elder  
Quentin Evans  
Jordan Hawthorne

Harry Hoegen  
Patrick Holmes  
Skylar Lopez-Steele  
Joey Payne

Raney Peterson  
Georgia Pinter  
Lily Simms  
Michael Ybarra



### Featured Photos

**TOP LEFT (R to L):** Harry Hoegen poses for a picture with Director of Special Programs Lynne Truitt and teacher Kelli Talent.

**TOP RIGHT:** Teacher Kelsey Wessinger and Skylar Lopez-Steele lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the graduation ceremony.

**MIDDLE RIGHT:** Teacher Kelsey Wessinger shares some personalized words for graduate Michael Ybarra.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Peninsula Internet Academy graduate Alexis Silver participates in Peninsula High School's graduation ceremony.

## Peninsula Internet Academy Congratulations, Graduates!

The Peninsula Internet Academy (PIA) works collaboratively with our district's high schools to provide online alternatives to traditional education for 9th-12th graders. This year, PIA graduates were given the opportunity to participate in graduation ceremonies with either Gig Harbor High School, Peninsula High School, or Henderson Bay High School.

Sam Beckman  
Austin Cady  
Max Cooper  
Grace Johnson

Irish McClendon  
Riley Nava  
Edyn Picinich  
Alyssa Pickett

Steven Reyder  
Mekai Sanders  
Alexis Silver







# Henderson Bay High School

June 18, 2021 | Sehmel Homestead Park

Emilio Anguiano  
Jaidin Baxter-Libbey  
Tyler Bennett  
Elijah Borowski  
Ashton Burlingame  
Aidyn Caskin

Evan Elliott  
Dylan Galsote  
Hudson Gates  
Dillyn Gibson  
Ella Hamby  
Sophia Hartley

Jake Higgenbottom  
Savannah Jackson  
Kaylee Johnson  
Piper Maertins  
Juliano Mira  
Ashley Phillips

Kadence Pitner  
Abigail Richards  
Russell Van Valkenberg  
Haylee White  
Bobbi Worden



## Featured Photos

**TOP LEFT:** Aidyn Caskin sings during Henderson Bay High School's graduation ceremony.

**TOP RIGHT:** Sophia Hartley receives her diploma from HBHS teacher Patty Fisher.

**MIDDLE RIGHT:** Juliano Mira in cap and gown.

**BOTTOM:** Class of 2021 graduates wait their turn to receive their diplomas.







# Gig Harbor High School

June 12, 2021 | Mount Tahoma Stadium, Tacoma, WA

- A** Bryson Adams • Alexander Albrecht  
Justin Alfaro • Ryan Anderson  
Stone Anderson • Ella Anthony  
Abigail Archer • Carter Archuleta  
Simon Atwill • Ashley Aycock
- B** Zander Bacon • Solace Balcom  
Ian Barna • Jacob Barone  
Evan Barton • Joleigh Barton  
Faith Baskovich • Riley Behrmann  
Emily Beitinger • Ian Belton  
Connor Bennett • Christopher Beraldi  
Nira Bertuccio-Antignani • Cody Bibeau  
Rachel Biehl • Dylan Boeholt  
Lauryn Boschulte • Elona Bowyer  
Joseph Boynton • Bentley Brandt  
Thomas Bratrud • Nathan Brekke  
Alexis Britt • Olivia Britt • Jeremiah Brown  
Hayden Bryan • Garrett Buehs  
Mckali Bullock • Zachary Burch  
Ryan Burgess • Owen Bush
- C** Tyler Caldier • Aubrey Callahan  
Shaelyn Callahan • Stephanie Camacho  
Gabriella Camier • Caleb Campos  
Hailey Campos • Anna Cardinal • Tyler Carr  
Kaiman Carreon • Thomas Castrataro  
Macy Chambers • Alex Charbonneau  
Kaden Chavez • Anna Chowayou  
William Christman • Terra Chu  
Freya Church • Caleb Churness  
Joseph Clarke IV • Evan Colello  
Oliver Colglazier • Gwyneth Connor  
Anastasia Costanza • Emma Creveling  
Cole Crosbie • Liam Curran  
Nicholas Curwood
- D** Sierra Dague • Ben David • Ally Davidson  
Alyssa Davidson • Hanna Davis  
Camryn Dawson • Anya DeGroot  
Michael Derouin • Ivan Derr • Cory Dickson  
Rachel Dillard • Taylor Dingman  
Cory Dobbins • Garrett Donohue  
Jackson Dowd • Nicholas Droppelman  
Joshua Dry • Bryce Dull  
Mikayla Dunham • Bryce Dutton
- E** Meghan Edwards • Oliver Egan  
Anna Elligsen • Lucas Elliott  
Andrew Ellis • Hunter Erwin  
Grace Evenson • Paige Everling
- F** Sarah Felt • Ashley Figgat • Scarlett Finley  
Ryan Fisher • McKayla Fishman  
Connor Flaherty • Noah Flick  
Ryan Floberg • Colby Flynn  
Kathryn Forhan • Bryce Forseth • Halle Fort  
Benjamin Fortney • Paige Fossett  
Ethan Foster • Madeline Fouquette  
Hannah Francis • John Frazier  
Cosette French • Nicholas Frohlich
- G** Cameron Gabe • David Gaither  
Jacob Gale • Joshua Gale • Kate Gardner  
Lauren Garnaas • Cole Garner  
Anna Garriott • Saxton Gates  
Summit Geiselman • Ellie Gerth  
Genna Gettle • Abigail Gilman  
Peter Gittings • Gianna Gluchacki  
Samuel Goodwill • Lillian Gould  
Anastacia Green • Logan Griffin  
Natalee Grover • Felix Guerrero  
Johnathan Gust • Bosten Gutierrez
- H** Sierra Haddick • Allison Hagen  
Audrey Hale • Madalynn Hale  
Nickolas Hale • Maximus Hall  
Kaleb Hallberg • Travis Hand  
James Hanigan • Cameron Hardy  
Helen Harnacker • Laurel Harvey  
Anna Haws • Elspeth Heckman  
Lauren Henriksen • Connor Henrickson  
Angelina Hermens • Allyson Hill  
Timothy Hill • Isabelle Hirsig  
Evan Hoang • Samuel Hodges  
Isaac Hoff • Caroline Hofmann  
Jordan Hoiland • Matthew Holt  
Braeden Howard • Kohde Howard  
Mitchell Huber • Sutton Hulst  
Nicholas Huntington • Thomas Hwang  
Natallya Hyldahl
- I** Timothy Isenberg
- J** Leila Jarraf • Samantha Jeffcoat  
Noel Jenkins • Jake Jennings  
Ashleigh Johnson • Elisabeth Johnson  
Seth Johnson • McKenna Johnston  
Mio Jones
- K** Grey Kamasz • Willow Keeney • Blake Kelley  
Ashley Kim • Conor King • Preston Kinsey  
Michaela Kinzey • Aidan Kobayashi  
Cassidy Kohler • Devin Kupietz
- L** Hannah Labadie • Samuel Lane  
Ruth Larson • Lucas Lindfors  
Jacqueline Lott • Paige Loudon  
John Loughren • Dalton Lovett  
Braeden Lundberg • Ronan Lynch
- M** Miles Mai • Keilani Mamea • Alysa Maring  
Maxim Martyniounk • Xavier Mason  
Gracelyn McClendon • Moon Mccollum  
Gabriel McCoy • Blake McFarland  
Madigan McGinn • Collin McKenna  
Lauren McLarnon • Spencer McLean  
Grace Meacham • Nathan Melton  
Gabriel Meyer • Jalen Meyerpeter  
Cecilia Miguel Lucas • Gillian Miller  
Isabella Miller • Riley Miller  
Caleb Minner • Kyler Mitchell  
Chelsea Modesitt • Kayla Mommsen  
Emma Morris • Logan Morris  
Jacqueline Morvant • Kathryn Murphy  
Cameron Myers • Kobe Myers • Levi Myers
- N** Marina Nance • Ashley Negrete Medran  
Kyle Nelson • Emily Newberg  
Julianna Newton • Aiden Nicholson  
Avery Nicholson • Brooke Nold  
Drew Nordquist • Alexis Nussbaum  
Benjamin Nussbaum
- O** Evan Oake • Darla Odegard • Connor Oland  
Anya Olekszyk • Alex Oliver  
Madisen Olmstead • Joseph Olsen  
Kevin Orlovskiy • Maricela Ortiz  
Grace Owens • Josef Owens
- P** Megan Paul • Nathaniel Paulson  
Jeremiah Pedroza • Hope Pellumbi  
Tyler Peterson • Jason Porter  
McCain Potasky • Luke Prough
- R** Campbell Ralph • Abigail Ramirez  
Anthony Ramirez • Prestin Reed  
Abigail Reneau • Mya Renn • Steven Reyder  
Ciara Richards • Nicole Roberts  
Kayla Robertson • Gabriel Rochette  
Kohl Roland • Nicolas Rooney  
Dylan Rosenlind • Lesli Rovo • Kyle Rucker  
Emersun Runyan • Ren Ruth
- S** Yasmine Sayenko • Adam Schuette  
Isabel Schupner • Olivia Schwab  
Adam Semmler • Blake Sharkey  
Cooper Sharpe • Bryn Shaw • Madison Shaw  
Nicholas Shin • Karis Simler • Brooklyn Skansi  
Elizabeth Skiffington • Jesse Slotthower  
Samuel Smidt • Beau Smith • Jackson Smith  
Grace Snyder • Xander Southworth  
Griffin Sparrow • Sarina Stafford  
Zachary Standifer • Luke Stephens  
Skylar Stevens • Jack Stout • Oliver Strachan  
Emma Sturgis • Brennan Sullivan  
Ronin Sypowicz
- T** Isaiah Tacker • Liam Tait • Eloralee Talley  
Grace Tanksley • Adeline Taylor • Calvin Taylor  
Molly Tebb • Kael Thaut • Holly Thomas  
Adely Tisch • Laila Tobias • Zachary Toglea  
Allison Townsend • Charles Townsend  
Sydney Turnley
- V** Daniel Valadez • Adrian Valdez  
Lia Van Camp • Ethan Vasquez  
Oscar Vela • Laura Vidrio Chavez  
Naomi Von Zimmerman • Ryan Voves
- W** Katherine Wallace • Griffin Walter  
Christopher Waxman • William Waymire  
Grace Wellman • William Wenrich  
Olivia Wessal • Christiana Westberg  
Dominic Westberg • Emma Westcott  
Andrew White • Victoria White  
David Whitenight • Elise Wickers  
Grace Wilkerson • Ethan Williams  
Claire Willis • Ryan Wimberley  
Aidan Wisdom • Kate Wornell • Ryan Wurts
- Y** Kyla Yamamoto • Hannah Yellowlees  
Chloe Yerex • Emma Young • Cassidy Young
- Z** Jose Zacarias Sebastian • Avalyn Zetterberg  
Jacob Zink





## Featured Photos: *Graduation and Car Parade*

**TOP LEFT:** Graduates sit outside during the ceremony.

**TOP RIGHT:** Sydney Turnley

**ROW 2 LEFT (L to R):** Terra Chu, Lian Curran, Zachary Toglia, Ryan Voves

**ROW 2 RIGHT (L to R):** Jack Stout, Hanna Davis

**ROW 3 LEFT (L to R):** Ashley Negrete Medran, Mio Jones, Keilani Mamea

**ROW 3 MIDDLE:** Students gather in the rain for the graduate car parade.

**ROW 3 RIGHT (L to R):** Cameron Gabe, Mitchell Huber, Adam Semmler

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Carter Archuleta







# Peninsula High School

June 12, 2021 | Mount Tahoma Stadium, Tacoma, WA

- A** Christopher Akulschin • Joaquin Alfaro  
Callie Anderson • Jacob Anderson  
Luis Angel Maldonado • Gwyndolyn Archer  
Keegan Arnett • Quinncy Arnold  
Rachel Aspee
- B** Liam Bailey • Melvin Barbosa  
Jilian Barncard • Haley Barnesson  
Emily Barry • Kailey Bass  
Alexander Bateman • Piper Bauer  
Jamie Baxter • Emma Beggerly  
Rosellen Berberich • Lillyan Bereckis  
Dylan Besst • Madelyn Bjorn • Clay Blalock  
Lucas Blanchette • Reese Blevins  
Ashley Blum • Clara Bock • Andrew Boden  
Neesa Bohman • Karleigh Boyle  
Elijah Brambila • Cole Bray • Tyson Brent  
Lily Brock • Rylee Brown  
Carissa Bruneau • Trevor Buchanan  
Aiyanaa Burke • Maxwell Burr  
Sierra Bursch • Cody Burton • Olivia Bush
- C** Jordan Canchola • Kayla Carris  
Isabella Caruso • Cameron Case  
John Casper • Mia Chaney  
Rebekah Chaney • Syr Horton Charles  
Alexander Chatman • Savannah Chrisinger  
Hazen Christensen  
Aurora Christensen-Bocanegra  
Dylan Clay • Bryce Cleave • Chase Coalson  
Jack Coberly • William Colby  
Conner Conklin • Aniya Cook • Grace Cook  
Braden Cooke • Alexander Costa  
Angelina Cruz • Keianna Cruz
- D** Arslan Dacic • Dante Dacosta  
Breana Dalesky • Kerstin Daniel  
Reece Daniel • Samuel Demianiw  
Andrew Denney • Malachi Desposato  
Lilia Dinniman • Jeremiah Dodson  
Matthew Donalty • Erina Donlan  
Michael Dooley • Trey Douglas  
James Dubois • Alanis Dugan  
David Dummitt • Alexis Duncan
- E** Trinity Edwards • Joshua Elder  
Tyler Elliott • Paige Embree  
Ginger Engdahl • Keleia Epley  
Jonathon Erben • Drake Erickson  
Quentin Evans • Jordan Everitt  
Harley Ewell
- F** Abigail Fendel • David Fenn • Kaitlyn Ferber  
Chayse Ferencik • Mia Fias  
Benjamin Flaherty • Hope Flanigan  
Julia Fordham • Abigail Forsell  
Jaidenn Foster • Joseph Foster  
Malachi Friant • Isabella Fuller
- G** Eryn Ganong • Antonio Garcia • Kate Giesy  
Tanner Giesy • Ailsa Gilbert • Harley Grace  
Jackson Grande • Nikolas Grant  
Bella Greenfield • Abigail Greenheck  
Mattea Greenheck • Gavin Grier  
Nathaniel Griffin • Luke Grobins • Kayla Guy
- H** Clarissa Hains • Michael Haley • Alyssa Hall  
Josephine Hampton • Sarah Haque  
Cameron Hasting • Omari Heidelberg  
Carson Helland • Owen Hemley  
Alexa Henery • Micah Hester • Angelina Hilley  
Garrett Hiser • Amber Hitch • Arica Hodgkinson  
Harry Hoegen • Trinity Holden  
Patrick Holmes • Kaitlyn Holt • Tammra Hood  
Dylan Horner • Jade Hoskins  
Andrew Hulscher • Annaston Hummel  
Kendra Hunsaker • Derrick Huttleston
- J** Jason Jenkins • Elisia Jensen  
Adriana Johnson • Grace Johnson  
Tate Johnson • Alexander Johnston  
Cailean Jones • Elizabeth Jones  
Nathaniel Jones
- K** Spencer Kanouse • Carson Keefer  
Olivia Keefer • Korin Kenealy  
Nahee Kim • Joseph Kimball • Austin Knight  
Isabella Kolostyak • Audrey Krishnadasan
- L** Emily Lamanna • Trinity Lamb  
Natalie Langhelm • Dillon Laniohan  
Matheson Laybourn • Carter Lea  
William Leahy • Austin Lee • Chase Legrance  
Kira Lenzi • Eliza Liebner • Owen Lindhartsen  
Nolan Littleton • Jourdan Lloyd • Erik Lofdahl  
Skylar Lopez-Steele • Dan Lotan  
Corey Lovejoy • Laney Lovrovich  
Linsey Lovrovich • Savannah Lucero  
Josie Luna • Alivia Lystad
- M** Shaun Madlinger • Claire Mandarino  
Katie Mandarino • Sophia Marinelli  
Dylan Martin • Megan Martin  
Hannah Mastin • Ava Matz • Somer Mayer  
Aidan McCleskey • Cayla McDonald  
Cade McIalwain • Julianne McMurtry  
Alivia Mead • Wyatt Meadows  
Deven Meddaugh • Makena Mehlert  
Matthew Mehlert • Conner Michaelson  
Athena Miller • Willow Miller • Katherine Milner  
Ksenia Mishkov • Caitlin Montgomery  
Alexis Moore • Jacob Moore • Sydney Morris  
Ella Moss • Zane Munoz-Crabb  
Gracie Murray • Emily Muterspaugh
- N** Reina Nagata • Sara Nicholas  
Samantha Nichols • Weston Niemeyer  
Hunter Nordlund • Mckenna Norris
- O** Rylee O'Connor • Aryana Olafssen  
Jane Oliveira • Lydia Oliver • Kenneth O'Toole
- P** Finn Padberg • Mason Palagyi • Aden Paquette  
Brenna Parent • Phillip Parker • Saige Paulo  
Jordie Peck • Tara-Lynn Perkins  
Dominic Peterson • Maren Peterson  
John Petroff • Matilynn Petroski  
Connor Pichler • Alyssa Pickett  
Elizabeth Pierson • Erin Pierson  
Georgia Pinter • Evan Plumb  
Elizabeth Price • Sebastian Price
- Q** Isabella Quinn • Baylen Quintana-Blea  
Marlena Quintanilla Martinez
- R** Joshua Ramey • Elijah Readwin  
Anika Reardon • Jillian Reese • Jet Riley  
Max Riley • Kenneh Roberts  
Matthew Roberts • Ayden Robertson  
Keyvyn Rogers • Madison Rose  
Eireann Rossini • William Roynne • Ethan Runyon
- S** Kayla Sabol • Sepehr Salehi • Mekai Sanders  
Ian Santana • Priya Sardinia • William Sarno  
Regan Schneble • Riley Schuller  
Brett Schunzel • Kylee Seigal • Zakia Sewell  
Alexis Silver • Landon Sims • Sean Skladany  
Caroline Slocum • Colby Small • Ashley Smith  
Chelsea Smith • Joshua Smith • Laynee Smith  
Madison Smith • Jacob Snarr • Corey Sta Maria  
Cameron Standley • Cassandra Stephens  
Cinna Stone • Travis Strote • Pierce Sutton  
Emma Swainston
- T** Amy Talbot • Haley Taylor • Parker Theel  
Kathleen Thomas • Layne Thomas  
Larena Triplett • Lauren Trivette • Kaitlyn Tucker  
Brynn Turner
- V** Alyssa Valdez • Emmalee Van Komen  
Audra Van Uitert • Georgia Viray  
Jaymes Voelk • Norah Voelk
- W** Sydney Walker • Logan Walters • Laylah Waring  
Camron Watkins • Cole Watson  
Lucas Watson • Nathaniel Wehmhoefer  
Andrew Welander • Tyler Welch • Ashlyn West  
Charlotte Whiteley-Ross • Alexander Wiklund  
Rachel Williams • Matthew Williamson  
Zachary Wills • Kameryn Willson  
Natalie Wilson • Matthew Winn  
Nicholas Wolanski • Mia Wyatt
- Y** Daniel Yago • Michael Ybarra  
Angelica Yturalde
- Z** Carmelina Zacarias Gonzalez  
Connor Zimmermann • Aidan Zimnisky





## Featured Photos: *Graduation and Car Parade*

**TOP LEFT:** Graduates sit outside during the ceremony.

**TOP RIGHT:** William Leahy

**ROW 2 LEFT (L to R):** Matthew Mehlert, Sarah Haque, Saige Paulo

**ROW 2 RIGHT:** Graduate Harley Ewell (*pictured right*) poses with her sisters.

**ROW 3 LEFT:** Hope Flanigan

**ROW 3 MIDDLE (L to R):** Jaime Baxter, Angelina Hilley

**ROW 3 RIGHT (L to R):** Elisia Jensen, Colby Small

**BOTTOM RIGHT (L to R):** Hope Flanigan, Josephine Hampton, Audrey Krishnadasan, Alyssa Hall, Kate Giesy





# Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) College Readiness Program Celebrates Seniors



AVID students sign college and postgraduate letters of intent in the Peninsula High School gym.

Peninsula High School's third annual AVID College Signing Day and Senior Celebration on Monday, June 7 honored 20 PHS seniors who formally announced their post high school decisions in front of an audience of school staff and peers.

The AVID program is designed to help students develop the skills they need to be successful in college. AVID places special emphasis on growing writing, critical thinking, teamwork, organization, and reading skills.

During the event, each student was called upon to announce their post-high school plans and receive their AVID honor cord to wear at graduation. Then, as a group, they signed college and postgraduate letters of intent. The event culminated the hard work AVID students have put in over the last four years to ready themselves for success beyond high school. They collectively earned over \$32,000 at PHS's Senior Scholarship Night. Some students received additional money in other scholarships and

grants from their respective schools, scholarships, and the College Bound Program.

"As mostly first generation college students, our AVID students overcame obstacles to achieve success," said AVID Site Coordinator, Kim Demianiw. "These students learned to think critically, collaborate, and set high expectations to confidently conquer the challenges that await them. We are very proud of their achievements."

## 27 High School Students Earn Varsity Letters in Community Service

Since 2017, Peninsula School District has honored high school students who volunteer their time and talents to uplift others in our community and region with varsity letters in community service.

This year, 27 high school students from across the district earned a varsity letter in community service. To receive a letter, students completed 100 or more hours of community service, maintained at least a 2.0 GPA, and completed the application process.

Overall, 3,892.8 total hours of community service were completed by the varsity

letter recipients. Some organizations where service hours were provided include Food Backpacks 4 Kids, FISH Food Bank, PenMet Parks, local churches, school clubs, and many more.

"Engaging in community service is a way to uplift others, the community, and oneself. It is also a great way to enrich skills at relationship-building, empathy, problem-solving, and leadership," said Erin O'Neill, Executive Director of College, Career, and Life Readiness. "Peninsula School District is proud to honor students who contribute to our community with the Varsity Letter in Community Service."



Peninsula High School student Misrak H. was one of 27 students to receive a varsity letter in community service this year.



# On to the Next Adventure: 2020-2021 Retirees



Julie Abbott



Phyllis Payne



Terry Fandel



Denise  
Doering-Burmark



Kelly Indahl



Kathie Broderson



Lori Smith  
Leland Smith



Jeff Otis



Janice Johansen



Laura Saxton



Tammy Channel  
with "George Washington"



Elise Michaels



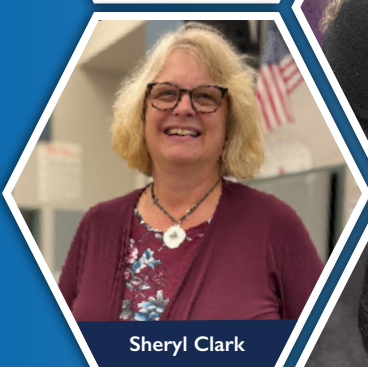
Tina Theinert



Jo Lucas



Cynthia Wilde



Sheryl Clark



Linda Painter



Leslie Miller

## Not Pictured:

Beverly Bagley  
John Barelli  
Pamela Baumann  
Susan Berry  
Cheri Bocott  
David Burmark  
Sharon Dahl  
Elise Drager  
Kathleen Earl  
Patricia Fisher  
Keith Garton

Alan Kappus  
Stephen Levenseller  
Kim Mackay  
Linda McQuade  
Kathleen Raft  
Laura Scherer  
Phillys Slater  
Karoline Sly  
Mary Tyler  
Kristan Underwood  
Dennis Vitcovich

We would like to honor all of our 2020-2021\* staff retirees, and wish them all the best in retirement!

\* List current as of June 15, 2021



# 2019 CAPITAL PROJECTS BOND

# SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE



Design and Permitting



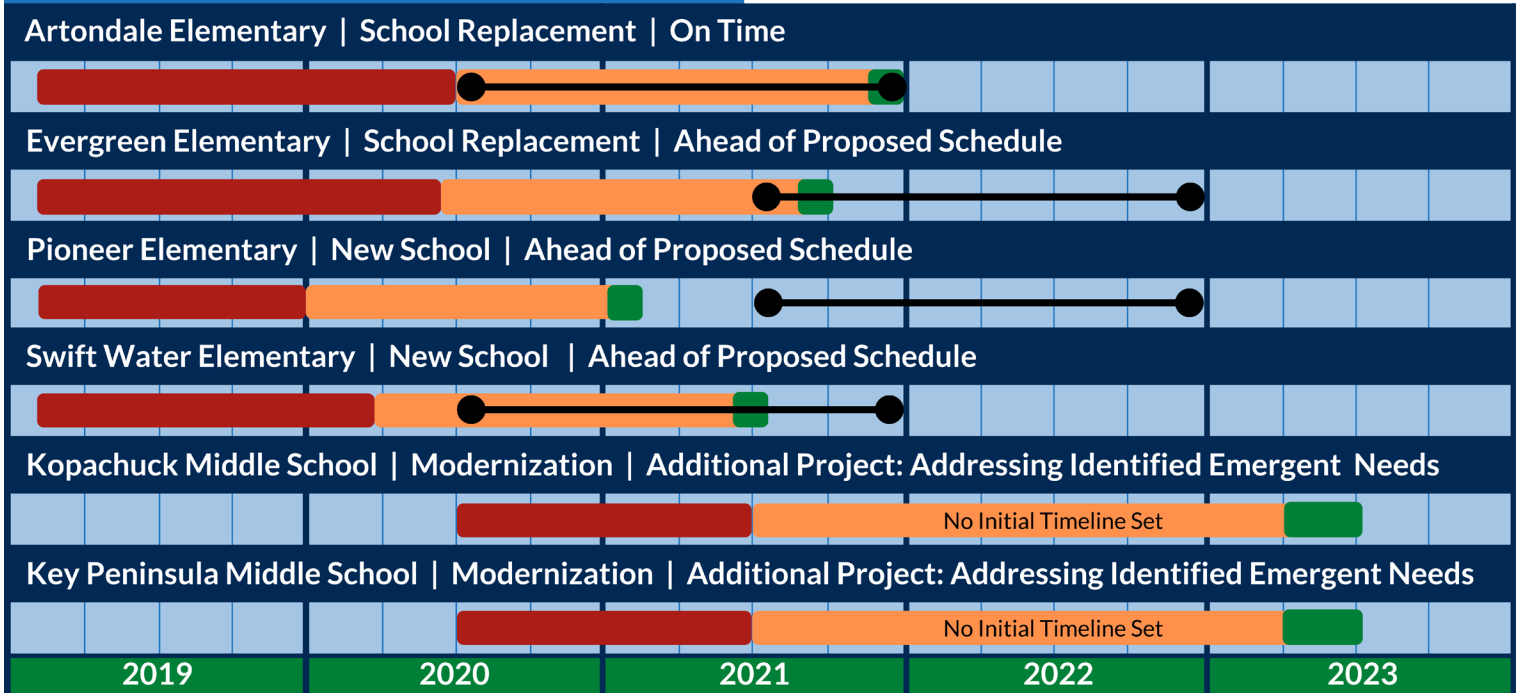
Initial Proposed Construction Timeline



Actual Construction Timeline



Completion



## School Construction Projects Ahead of Schedule

On February 12, 2019, the PSD community passed a \$198.55 million bond for school construction to address extreme elementary overcrowding and other emergent infrastructure needs.

The projects identified in the bond included the replacement of Artondale and Evergreen elementary schools, construction of Swift Water Elementary located on Harbor Hill Drive across from the YMCA, and construction of Pioneer Elementary located on Skansie Avenue.

After elementary overcrowding and emergent facility needs, addressing middle school overcrowding was identified as the district's next highest priority.

Due to cost-saving steps made by the district, additional state assistance received for Swift Water Elementary, and an accelerated construction schedule for our elementary projects, we are now able to modernize and add additional classrooms at Kopachuck Middle School and Key Peninsula Middle School using 2019 capital bond funds.

**Thank You,  
Voters!**

The 2019 bond provides quality, flexible spaces for learning and future growth for PSD's schools. This would not have been possible without the support of our voters.



Find more information about PSD's school construction projects at [psd401.net/capitalprojects](https://psd401.net/capitalprojects).



# Middle School Modernization Construction Begins in Summer 2021

Because of cost-saving steps made by the district, we are able to modernize and add additional classrooms at Kopachuck Middle School and Key Peninsula Middle School using 2019 capital bond funds.

After elementary overcrowding and emergent facility needs, addressing middle school overcrowding was identified as the district's next highest priority.

Construction bids for both middle school projects were opened and the contracts were awarded in June. At the June 10, 2021 study session, the PSD Board of Directors awarded the bid for Kopachuck Middle School to Schwiesow Construction. At the June 24, 2021 business meeting, the PSD Board of Directors awarded the bid for Key Peninsula Middle School to Kassel & Associates.

Construction for both modernization and addition projects is scheduled to begin in July, with phased construction and a completion in the spring of 2023.

Visit the project web pages for Key Peninsula Middle School and Kopachuck Middle School to see more render images from TCF Architecture and view project information. Please note, renderings are subject to change before final construction on both projects is completed.

We are grateful to our community for supporting our schools and providing safe learning places for our students.

## Kopachuck Middle School



Renderings of Kopachuck Middle School after modernization. Credit: TCF Architecture

## Key Peninsula Middle School



Renderings of Key Peninsula Middle School after modernization. Credit: TCF Architecture



# Three Elementary Schools Opening This Fall

Here are some of the latest updates on PSD's elementary school construction sites, funded by the voter-approved 2019 capital bond. Pioneer Elementary opened in January 2021, and the three elementary schools below are scheduled to open during fall 2021.

## Artondale Elementary School Replacement and Expansion

Bond-Approved Opening: Fall 2021  
Projected Opening: Fall 2021

A new building is being constructed on the school's existing upper playfield, allowing students and staff to remain in the old school until the new building opens. After the new school is opened, the old building will be demolished and the new playfield will be constructed.



## Evergreen Elementary School Replacement and Expansion

Bond-Approved Opening: Fall 2022  
Projected Opening: Fall 2021

A new school is being constructed adjacent to the existing school. After construction is complete, the old building will be demolished. The existing gym will remain for district and community use.



## Swift Water Elementary New School

Bond-Approved Opening: Fall 2021  
Projected Opening: Fall 2021

Swift Water Elementary is a new school located on Harbor Hill Drive across from the YMCA. The district purchased this parcel of land in 2013 in anticipation of the increased number of students residing in the growing Gig Harbor North area.



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# Evergreen Elementary's Current Gym to Become Future Hugh McMillan Community Center



On Wednesday, June 16, 2021, Superintendent Art Jarvis and the Peninsula School District Board of Directors honored Hugh McMillan, longtime school supporter and tireless advocate of children, at a small ceremony to dedicate Evergreen Elementary School's current gymnasium as the future home of the Hugh McMillan Community Center.



## Krestin Bahr Starts Superintendency with 100-Day Plan



**KRESTIN BAHR**  
Superintendent

Superintendent Krestin Bahr, who officially started with Peninsula School District on July 1, is responsible for fulfilling the mission of our district and schools and improving learning for all children. This role provides essential leadership to hire and develop quality staff, secure and manage funds and

facilities, and encourage and maintain communication and trust between schools and the public.

To support Superintendent Bahr's transition, she has prepared a 100-day plan that includes strategies for listening to students, staff, families, and the greater Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula communities. The goals are to:

- Build public trust and strengthen engagement in our schools;
- Update the needs, objectives, and work priorities of the Peninsula School District; and
- Identify the district's strengths, improvement opportunities, and challenges.


This plan has three phases:

- An introduction to the district

(spring 2021);

- Student, staff, and community engagement (July 1 - December 31, 2021); and
- Summary report and strategic plan updates and recommendations (fall 2021 - winter 2022).

Starting this summer, Superintendent Bahr will engage in a purposeful effort to listen to the community and learn about the Peninsula School District. Please watch the district website and social media channels to learn more about these opportunities.



See Superintendent Bahr's 100-Day plan at [psd401.net/superintendent](http://psd401.net/superintendent).

### PSD's Plan for Fall 2021



Full-Time School



Five Days A Week



In-Person Learning



Virtual Options



Added High School Programs

### PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT *Compass*

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