

Thankful

"I am so grateful for the opportunity to be teaching in person this year. While last year was an amazingly unique year, to me there is truly no substitute for being face to face with my students in the classroom. Relationships have been, and will always be the most important part of teaching for me; the pandemic has solidified how important it is for students to be seen and feel like they belong."

Malorie Cook,
Kindergarten teacher
Woodway Center



A message from Superintendent Dr. Gustavo Balderas

What I am thankful for

After a year of remote learning, followed by a few months of hybrid learning, I am extremely thankful to have our schools open and to see students in the classroom engaged in learning. They are building new friendships, supporting each other and working together to accomplish meaningful goals.

To our kids – I am thankful



Superintendent
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Balderas

for your resilience and excitement to learn each day.

To our staff – I am thankful for all of you and your efforts to get vaccinated

from COVID-19 so you can safely do your critical work to serve our kids. Your dedication knows no bounds and for that, I am grateful.

To the community – I am thankful for your constant commitment to our students. Your support allows us to do the work so each and every student graduate is ready for success at the next level in school, career, and global citizenship.

And finally, I am thankful our youngest learners can now get vaccinated from COVID-19 and I am hopeful for where that will take us in 2022.

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Dr. Gustavo Balderas
Superintendent

Thriving online learning academies



"I have 100 things I like about class but I'll share just two. I like art because we get to build things with paint and I like going into the breakout rooms to be with my friends."

Oliver Cho



"I like to do art and math. One of my favorite things more than art is being with all of my friends."

Astrid Livingston

Over the summer, the district worked to set up Edmonds K-8 Online Academy to support students and families not wanting to be back in person due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The district has a well-established online learning program for our 9th-12th grade students, Edmonds eLearning Academy, as an option for older students.

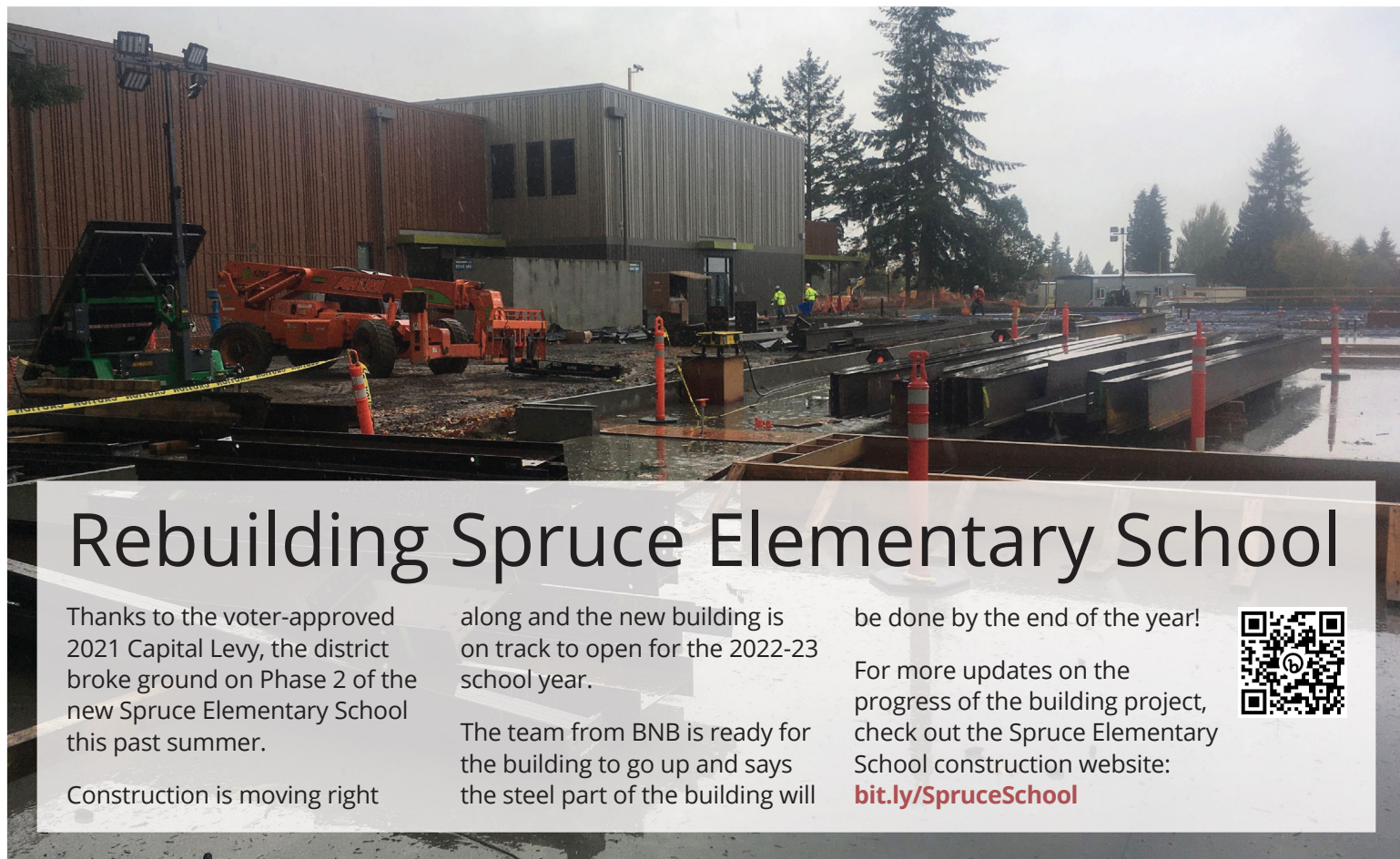


"It's amazing to see how resilient these first graders are and it's awesome to be able to see them still make great progress even over Zoom. Many have never been in a school building before but that hasn't affected their ability to build strong friendships with others and do the work that we would see students doing in person."

Kylen Boddie,
1st grade teacher

Financial Progress Report:

Your tax dollars at work

A large construction site for a school building. In the background, a large, modern building with a corrugated metal facade is under construction. In the foreground, there are several orange construction vehicles, including a crane and a loader, and various construction materials and equipment. The ground is wet, suggesting recent rain. The sky is overcast.

Rebuilding Spruce Elementary School

Thanks to the voter-approved 2021 Capital Levy, the district broke ground on Phase 2 of the new Spruce Elementary School this past summer.


Construction is moving right

along and the new building is on track to open for the 2022-23 school year.

The team from BNB is ready for the building to go up and says the steel part of the building will

be done by the end of the year!

For more updates on the progress of the building project, check out the Spruce Elementary School construction website: bit.ly/SpruceSchool



New roofs, thanks to voter-approved levy

Over at Brier Terrace Middle and Hazelwood Elementary, students have new roofs over their heads, thanks to voter-approved funding from the 2016 Capital and Technology Levy.



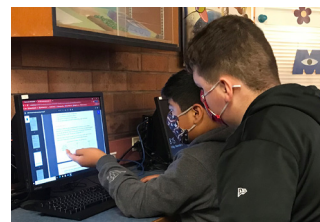
Our community's commitment to technology in our classrooms

In addition to supporting the ongoing replacement of student and staff technology, cyber security is a major initiative of the voter-

approved 2020 Capital and Technology Levy.

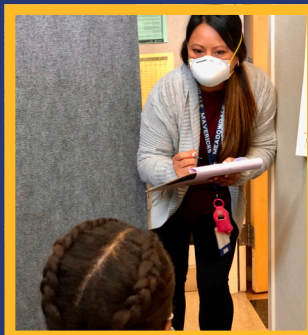
We are working to make several substantial upgrades

to our systems to ensure privacy of our student and staff data to meet district needs today and into the future.



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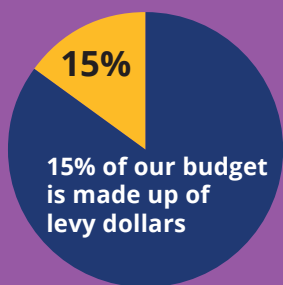
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EDUCATION LEVY



This is a replacement levy, NOT a new tax, and will keep a consistent tax rate.

DISTRICT BUDGET



Our community will vote whether to replace the expiring Educational Programs & Operations Levy, which helps fund every school. This funding bridges the gap to cover costs not provided by state or federal dollars, such as:



Critical staff

Nurses, counselors, teaching assistants, technology support staff, and custodians.



Elective classes and enrichment programs

STEM, International Baccalaureate, Highly Capable, College in the High School and Advanced Placement.



Special Education

Staff and services for students.



Extracurricular programs

Art, drama, music and athletics.

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