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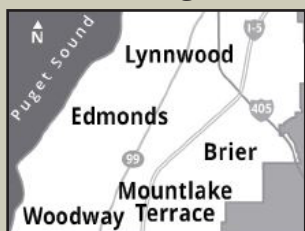


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## Message From the Superintendent

Dear Edmonds School District Students, Families, Staff & Community:



Superintendent  
Dr. Kristine  
McDuffy

The 2018-2019 school year is well underway! We are excited about the work happening across our District, and look forward to this new year with great enthusiasm, hope and determination.

We chose a theme for this school year and our work ahead — "Building Bright Futures." We are committed to building strong foundations of success for each and every one of the 20,524 students who come through our doors.

We have identified 10 Essential Tools in our "toolbox" to ensure we are the best school

District we can be. These tools include:

1. Our Team — Hiring, Taking Care of and Retaining the Best
2. Safe & Caring Environment
3. Clarity of Mission & Focus — Our Students
4. Equity in All We Think, Say and Do
5. Clarity of Direction

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## Edmonds School District Looks at Goals for Future

We seek input from our community to shape a new strategic direction

In the year 2025, what outcomes and experiences do we want for students? How should our school buildings function? How will we best partner with families and our community? What will our educators and staff need to support our students and families?

Edmonds School District is asking these questions as we update our strategic direction, a process we are calling Blueprint 2025.

"We want to hear from our community — our families, students, educators, staff, community members — what goals do we need to have today to reach where we want to be in the year 2025," said Dr. Kristine McDuffy, Superintendent. "We are going to spend the next several

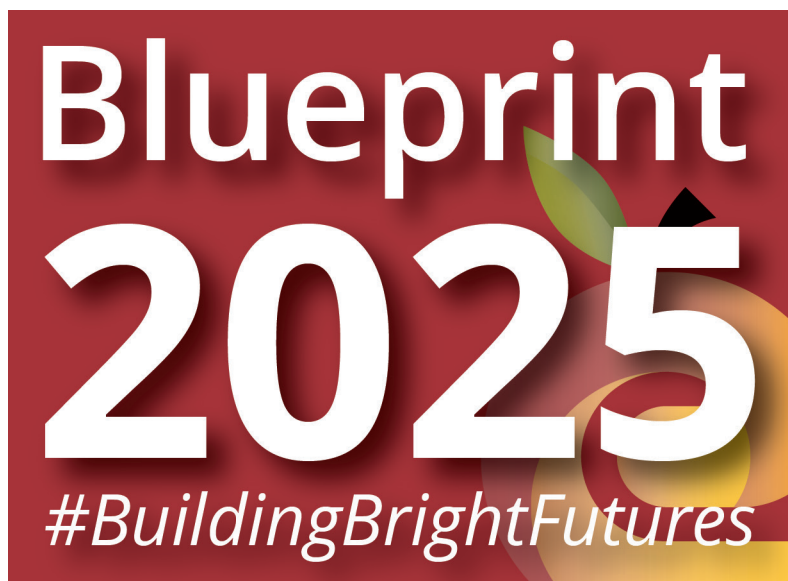
months asking our community how to shape our collective goals for the future and how to measure our successes over the years."

While the District's previous Strategic Direction has served the community well, we know our District is growing and changing. We want our goals to reflect our work

together on behalf of our students and schools.

In mid-October we launched our first steering committee meeting of volunteer parents, students and staff, who are helping make sure we are engaging with our entire community.

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- 9. Continuous Improvement
- 10. Enjoy the Journey & Celebrate the Progress

We look forward to further discussing how these tools are essential to our success.

We are launching a process to update our strategic direction work and adding critical strategic planning components with goals and objectives. We are naming this work *Blueprint 2025* (See *Blueprint 2025*). We are engaging our staff, families, and the entire community in helping us to set these important goals for the next five to seven years. Please watch for opportunities to make sure your voice is heard.

We are entering an unprece-



**Superintendent Dr. Kristine McDuffy and Board Member Carin Chase welcome students on the first day of school.**

dent time in public education in the state of Washington. We have a whole new funding system as well as a new school and District accountability

system. We are working hard to respond to these significant changes and look forward to discussing the impacts and next steps with you over the

coming months.

We have an amazing team of dedicated professionals committed to “Building Bright Futures” for each and every student we serve. Together with our families and community support, we are building the best school system in the state of Washington (and I would add the entire country).

As your Superintendent, it is an honor and a privilege to be a part of the great work happening in our District. Here’s to a bright and productive school year!

With highest regard,

Dr. Kristine McDuffy  
Superintendent

## Blueprint 2025

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The steering committee will review plans, agendas and outreach to ensure this work is inclusive of the entire community.

We want to hear from all of you about your hopes and dreams and directions for our schools.

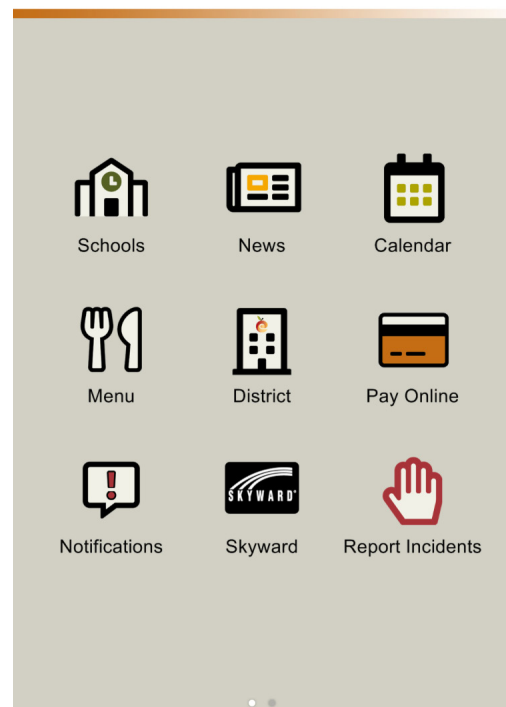
In our first phase, we will be holding meetings to gather input on perspectives, concerns, priorities and competing needs of various members of the community such as parents with school-age kids, our educators and staff, businesses, neighbors and community leaders. We will also conduct an online survey to gather more

feedback and direction.

Finally, we will host a large community town hall meeting to help finalize our Blueprint 2025.

Please check our website for key dates and times at [https://www.edmonds.wednet.edu/about\\_us/blueprint\\_2025](https://www.edmonds.wednet.edu/about_us/blueprint_2025). We will update as we schedule our meetings.

## Want to Know More?



### Edmonds School District Mobile App

Community members can download the Edmonds School District mobile app, Edmonds K12. Quickly find school locations, contact information, the latest school and District news, and view the District and athletics calendars. In addition, community members, families, students and staff are encouraged to utilize the Safe Schools Alert system to “Reports Incidents” or any safety concerns to our administration.



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# ECEAP in the District: Early Learning at its Finest

Edmonds School District's commitment to early learning now starts even earlier with the addition of a new preschool program in the 2018-2019 school year. ECEAP (pronounced "E-Cap") is Washington's Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program that prepares 3 and 4-year-old children for success in school and in life.

It's a new program for Edmonds School District and a new experience hosting preschool for Mountlake Terrace Elementary Principal Doug Johnson. "It is amazing to have 3 and 4-year-old children in our school!" said Johnson. "Our sixth graders have really stepped up their leadership in assisting our preschool students and it's been wonderful to see the positive impacts of having these younger children in our school."

There are two ECEAP classrooms at Mountlake Terrace Elementary. One hosts full-day preschool and the other hosts separate morning and afternoon sessions.

Visitors stopping by teacher Jon Elizondo's class are greeted with a welcome song. "A classroom is a community," said Elizondo. "We share values of



## ECEAP is a new program for the District.

community by the habits we create in the room. Welcoming new people demonstrates the value of connection." Lessons learned in the classroom include healthy habits like proper hand washing and tooth brushing.

There are art lessons and story time, and for full-day teacher Mary Faith Hayashi's class, there's also nap time. ECEAP is a holistic program that aims to support children at both school and in the home, so partnering with parents plays a huge role in the preschool's success. "These are beautiful students and fam-

ilies with so much to offer our schools!" said Hayashi.

The ECEAP classrooms are diverse with a total of 17 languages spoken in the children's homes either exclusively or in combination with another language.

"I have been delighted to see the families at our school, and to see them so engaged in the program," said Principal Johnson. "These are the most diverse classes in our school and seeing the joy that comes with giving the families exactly what they need for their children is incredible."

## ECEAP Eligibility Requirements

ECEAP children must be 3 years old but not yet 5 years old on August 31 of the school year, and:

- On Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) for special education or
- From families at or below 110 percent of the federal poverty level, which includes all children in foster care and all families with Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) cash grants. Some children may be accepted who are over the income limit, if they have developmental or environmental factors.

The ECEAP location in Edmonds School District is Mountlake Terrace Elementary. Call 425-431-3339, 425-431-3348, or visit Mountlake Terrace Elementary to request an application.

## Save the Date

(ESC = Educational Services Center)

### Monday, Nov. 26

6:30-8 p.m. Equity Alliance for Achievement Meeting at the ESC

### Tuesday, Nov. 27

6:30 p.m. School Board Meeting at the ESC

### Tuesday, Dec. 11

6:30 p.m. School Board Meeting at the ESC

### Friday, Dec. 14

Early release — All grades

### Monday, Dec. 17

6:30-8 p.m. Equity Alliance for Achievement Meeting at the ESC

### Dec. 24-Jan. 4

No school — Winter Break

### Tuesday, Jan. 15

6:30 p.m. School Board Meeting at the ESC

## Join Superintendent McDuffy and Tour Community Schools

There are amazing things happening in our schools every single day. We invite you to come and learn more about our District goals and progress from Superintendent McDuffy and meet some of the remarkable educators and students doing great work in our school community.

All tours include either a breakfast or lunch and travel to District schools on a school bus. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for any one of the three upcoming tours:

- **Dec. 18, 2018** — We'll have breakfast and visit two schools in the southeast quadrant



### All are invited to join the Superintendent on school tours.

- **March 6, 2019** — We'll have lunch and visit two schools in the northeast quadrant
- **May 1, 2019** — We'll have breakfast and visit two schools in the northwest quadrant

Please visit [www.edmonds.wednet.edu](http://www.edmonds.wednet.edu) for exact times and school locations. If you'd like translation assistance, need any other accommodations or have questions, please contact Oscar Halpert, [halperto@edmonds.wednet.edu](mailto:halperto@edmonds.wednet.edu) or 425-431-7045.

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# Two Schools Completed; Another Opens Jan. 7

The District has three new schools, thanks to the voter-approved 2014 Capital Construction Bond, coupled with additional revenue from the sale and/or lease of District property.

Here is the latest on:

## Mountlake Terrace Elementary and Lynnwood Elementary

- Construction was completed in August and both sites were open for the first day of school.
- Contractor is fine tuning heating and other systems and making minor adjustments and corrections.
- Landscaping is being established at both sites and will be usable next year.



Mountlake Terrace Elementary was completed in August.

## Madrona K-8

- Building interior finishes are being installed and site work is being finalized.
- Furniture, equipment, and technology are currently being moved into the building and installed.
- Madrona is preparing for a winter staff move in, school will commence on Jan 7.



Lynnwood Elementary was completed in August.

## Features of New Schools

The new facilities of Mountlake Terrace Elementary and Lynnwood Elementary feature two-story main classroom buildings and one-story gymnasiums and commons. Both school projects include new playgrounds and equipment, site improvements of existing grass playfields, parking, bus and auto circulation, emergency vehicle access, neighborhood pedestrian connections, security and safety, and new stormwater management facilities.

Madrona's new facility features five new buildings for classrooms and one for entry, administration, gym, cafeteria, kitchen, library, and the school's music and science programs.



Madrona K-8 will open on Jan. 7.



The Madrona K-8 facility includes a new gym.

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