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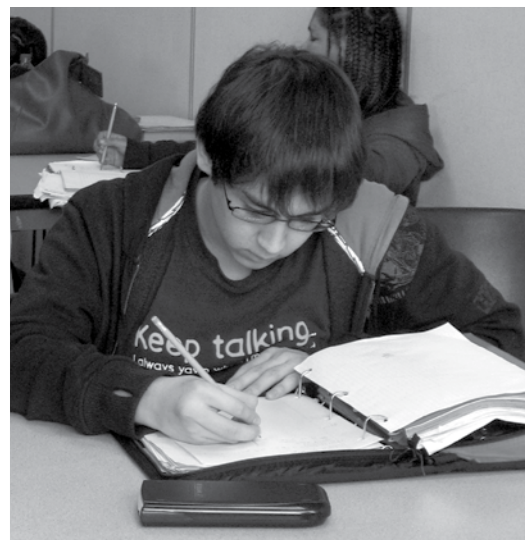
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MATH: Adding up to students' success

During the past two school years, our district adopted new math curriculum materials at all grades K-12, and we are seeing the positive impacts of these new instructional tools. As is the case with any new curriculum adoption, it is important for teachers to be trained to use the materials and for our parents to become familiar with them as well. Throughout the past year, both teachers and parents have grown more confident and comfortable with the books and resources available.

Hazelwood Elementary parent Elmo Rajah has spent a great deal of time getting to know the materials, working with his own children on their math homework, and volunteering in the classroom. As an electrical engineer, he uses math on a regular basis and views the subject as a critical component of a good education. "I thought the books were well laid out with good examples," Rajah said. "There were enough

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Please Remember to Vote by February 9, 2010

Snohomish County PUD helps power District energy efficiency

In recent years, the Snohomish County PUD and the Edmonds School District have worked together to improve the energy efficiency in many of our school buildings. One example of this partnership includes the new Lynnwood High School, which opened in September 2009 and features a range of efficiency measures in the building's design as part of the Energy-Efficient Schools Program. The District's effort to improve energy conservation in all of our schools has recently increased with the PUD as well as Puget Sound Energy partnering with the District's Resource Conservation Office.

"We congratulate the Edmonds School District for the tremendous innovations it has incorporated into the new Lynnwood High School," said Garth Williams, PUD Senior Manager of Business Services. "The use of natural ventilation in conjunction with day lighting raises the bar for energy efficiency in Northwest schools. We also appreciate the District's commitment to the PUD's Resource Conservation Program, which promotes the continual improvement of energy efficiency at all its schools. Financial savings and incentives for efficiency efforts help schools put more dollars where they're needed – for books and teachers in the classroom."



Message from the Superintendent



Nick Brossoit,
Superintendent

Information on the Replacement School Programs and Operations Levy

Dear Community,

Registered voters in our district will soon receive by mail a ballot from the Snohomish County Auditor's Office. This ballot is for our replacement levy in the district, and needs to be returned by Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010. The one measure you are being asked to vote on is for our Replacement School Programs and Operation Levy. This measure is not a new tax, it is a replacement, and it makes up a significant portion of our local general fund dollars for schools.

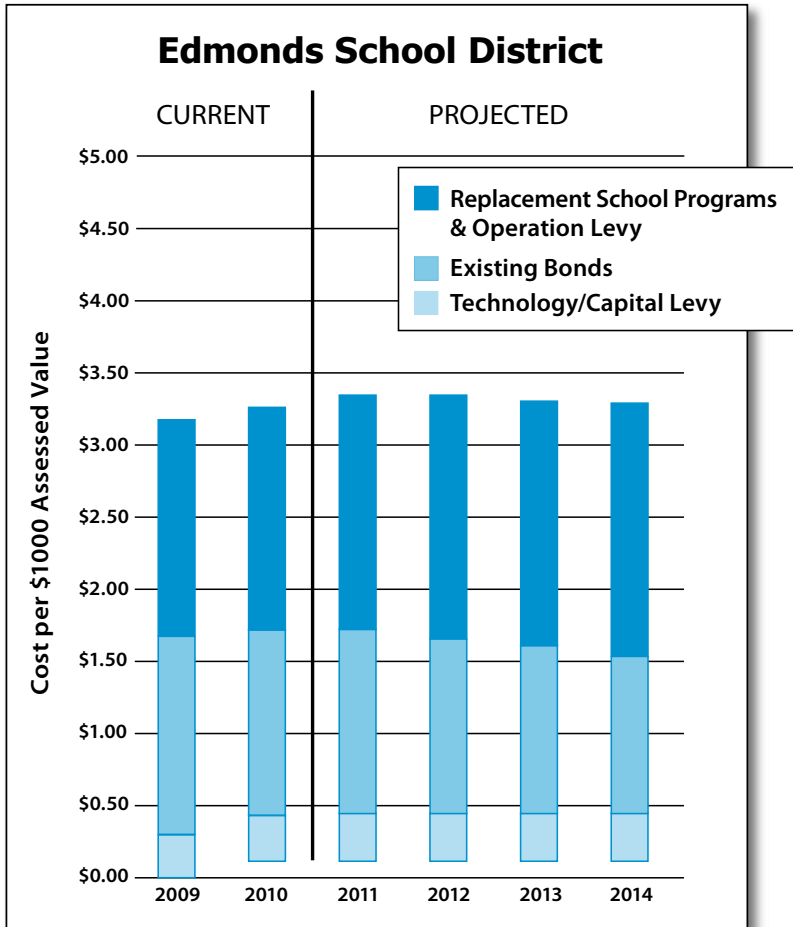
This measure was renewed by our voters in 2006 and now needs to be voted on again, renewed or replaced as it were, in order to keep providing our students with daily local support that directly contributes to their learning in

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Replacement School Programs and Operation Levy

Message from the Superintendent *continued from cover*

Overall Property Tax Impact



the classroom. The School Programs and Operation Levy represents approximately 20 percent of the District's total general operating budget.

Local levy funds allow the District to provide local support for teachers, teacher assistants, and other staff who support the educational program. Additionally, the local levy purchases books, instructional materials, provides student transportation, and funds athletics, music, co-curricular activities, and some necessary services for special-needs students. Twenty cents of every dollar spent each day comes from this existing, locally supported levy. It is not a new tax.

In different ways, many in our community have experienced the economic challenges impacting our nation, state, and local area. This local replacement levy only keeps in place what we are already providing to support our local students learning. Please take some time to familiarize yourself with this matter by looking at the information at our website (www.edmonds.wednet.edu) or in this newsletter.

As most know, the state is not funding public schools adequately, or even well enough to provide the programs and services at the level we all value. We need to keep our schools and community strong. In order to continue programs and services, the law requires that these replacement levies be renewed by voters. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and support in this important work.

Please remember to vote by February 9, 2010. Thank you.

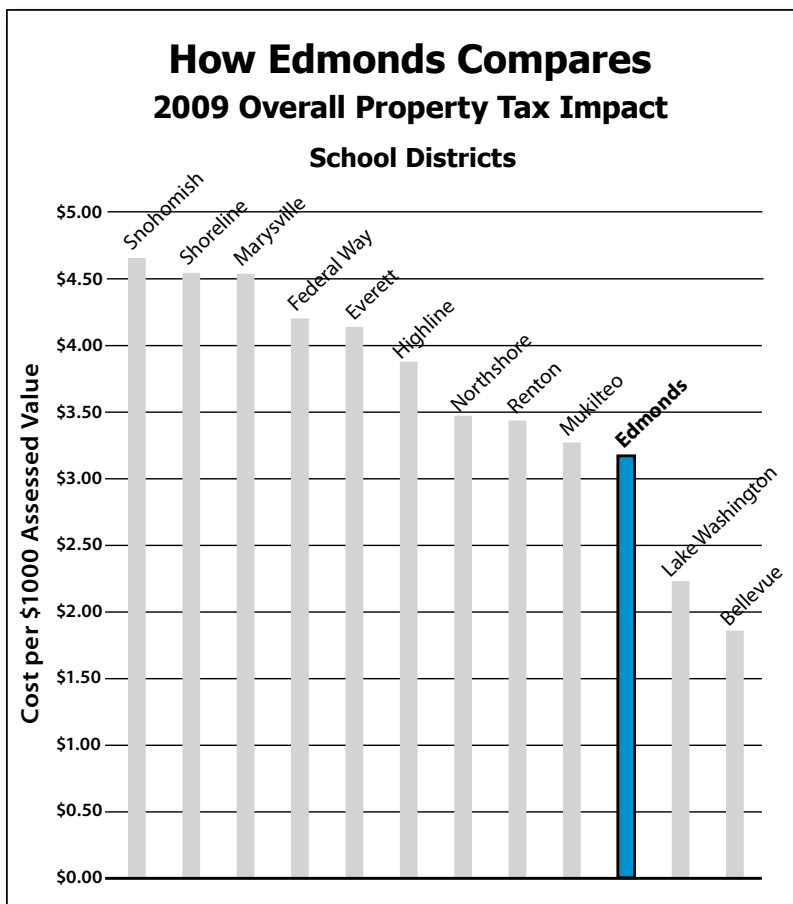
Sincerely,

Nick Brossoit, Ed.D.

Superintendent

If you would like more information or have someone speak to your group or organization about the levy, please visit www.edmonds.wednet.edu for updates or call DJ Jakala in Community Relations at 425-431-7044.

Questions? Call Marla Miller, Business and Operations, at 425-431-7036.



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examples in there for students to do well." Rajah has taken advantage of the resources available online to support parents and students at home and has purchased supplementary materials that are available.

Edmonds-Woodway High School math teacher John Richer said that transitioning to new textbooks has given math teachers an opportunity to identify what basic skills students were lacking. They are using that information to focus on improving those foundational skills so that students can continue to apply what they learn and build problem-solving and critical-thinking abilities. Richer is interested to see how these areas of improvement and the use of new resources will impact students' overall achievement on assessments during the next several years.

Lynndale Elementary fifth-grade teacher Pam Espinosa was impressed by the challenging rigor and good pace of the new elementary materials. As a teacher, these areas are important for improving students' success. She has also seen improvement from the first year of the adoption to this current year using the materials. Students are familiar with the format of the books and the vocabulary used. Her students enjoy having their own workbooks and have taken more ownership of the materials, which directly impacts their attitude toward the lessons.

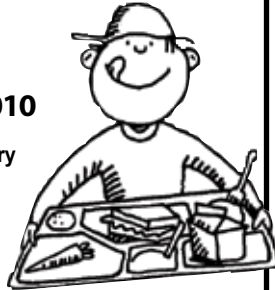
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Serve Your Child Well, Plan for School Meals!



Meal Pricing: Rates Reduced for 2009-2010

	Elementary	Secondary
Student Breakfast	\$1.50	\$1.75
Student Lunch	\$2.95	\$3.75
Milk	\$.50	\$.50
20 Student Breakfasts (Pre-paid)	\$30.00	\$35.00
20 Student Lunches (Pre-paid)	\$59.00	\$75.00



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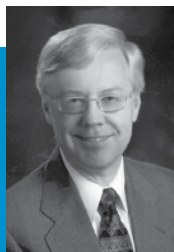
Graduation Dates for the Class of 2010

- 🎓 June 11 Edmonds Homeschool Resource Center
- 🎓 June 16 Scriber Lake
- 🎓 June 17 Mountlake Terrace
- 🎓 June 18 Edmonds-Woodway
- 🎓 June 19 Meadowdale
- 🎓 June 19 Lynnwood

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Dr. Nick Brossoit
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Mark Your Calendar!

- Jan. 25** Registration Begins for 2010-11 Kindergarten and All Grades
- Feb. 3** Superintendent's Roundtable at the ESC*, Noon to 1 p.m. Program topic, "Status of Levy Effort" and "Parent Groups and Fundraising"
- Feb. 9** Replacement School Programs and Operation Levy Election Day, Please remember to vote.
- March 3** Superintendent's Roundtable at the ESC*, Noon to 1 p.m. Program topic, "Social Justice and Teachers for Tomorrow"
- March 3** Parent Group Meeting with Superintendent at Edmonds-Woodway High Theater, 7600 212th Street SW, Edmonds, 98026, 7:00 p.m.
- March 5** Edmonds Public Schools Foundation Luncheon 11:00 a.m. at the Lynnwood Convention Center. For more information, please visit www.edmondspef.org.
- March 10** Parent Group Meeting with Superintendent at Meadowdale High Theater, 6002 168th Street SW, Lynnwood, 98037, 7:00 p.m.
- March 16** High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE): Reading
- March 17** Parent Group Meeting with Superintendent at Lynnwood High Theater, 18218 North Road, Bothell, 98012, 7:00 p.m.
- March 17-18** High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE): Writing
- March 24** Parent Group Meeting with Superintendent at Mountlake Terrace High Commons, 21801 44th Ave. W, Mountlake Terrace, 98043, 7:00 p.m.
- April 7** Community Budget Meeting at Meadowdale High Theater, 6002 168th Street SW, Lynnwood, 98037, 7:00 p.m.
- April 13** High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE): Math
- April 14** Superintendent's Roundtable at the ESC*, Noon to 1 p.m. Program topic, "Community Schools"
- April 14** Community Budget Meeting at Lynnwood High Theater, 18218 North Road, Bothell, 98012, 4:00 p.m.
- April 15** High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE): Science
- April 21** Community Budget Meeting at Mountlake Terrace High Theater, 21801 44th Ave. W, Mountlake Terrace, 98043, 7:00 p.m.
- April 28** Community Budget Meeting at Edmonds-Woodway High Theater, 7600 212th Street SW, Edmonds, 98026, 4:00 p.m.
- May 5** Superintendent's Roundtable, Location TBA, Noon to 1 p.m. Program topic, "Barbara Mertens' Annual State School Funding Update"
- May 12-May 27** Measurements of Student Progress (MSP), Grades 3-8
- June 2** Superintendent's Roundtable at the ESC*, Noon to 1 p.m. Program topic, "Year-End Wrap Up and Plan for 2010-11"
- June 21** Last Day of School (unless snow make-up days are needed)
*The Educational Service Center (ESC) is located at 20420 68th Ave. W, Lynnwood 98036 (just south of Edmonds Community College).

Please Remember to Vote by February 9, 2010

For information, see pages 1 and 2.

Different Dollars Do Different Work!

The 2008 Technology/Capital Levy and the 2006 Capital Construction Bond dollars are legally earmarked for specific work approved by voters and cannot be used to help resolve the funding shortfalls we're facing within our District's General Fund. The voter-approved 2008 Technology/Capital Levy and 2006 Capital Construction Bond provide critical updates for our schools, which directly benefit our students. Highlighted below are several of the upgrades underway or completed so far. For a complete list, please visit www.edmonds.wednet.edu.



The new Meadowdale Middle gym is currently under construction.



Available to All Schools: Capital Partnership Program

Funded by the 2008 Technology/Capital Levy, it provides an opportunity for the community and school supporters to develop school improvements that may not receive funding otherwise. The Program provides matching funds to community groups' dollars. The 26 projects completed since 2004 include playground equipment, walking paths, and readerboards.



Lynnwood High School:

New school opened in Fall 2009.

Funded by the 2006 Capital Construction Bond.



Meadowdale Middle School:

New school opens in Fall 2011.

Funded by the 2006 Capital Construction Bond.



Most Schools:

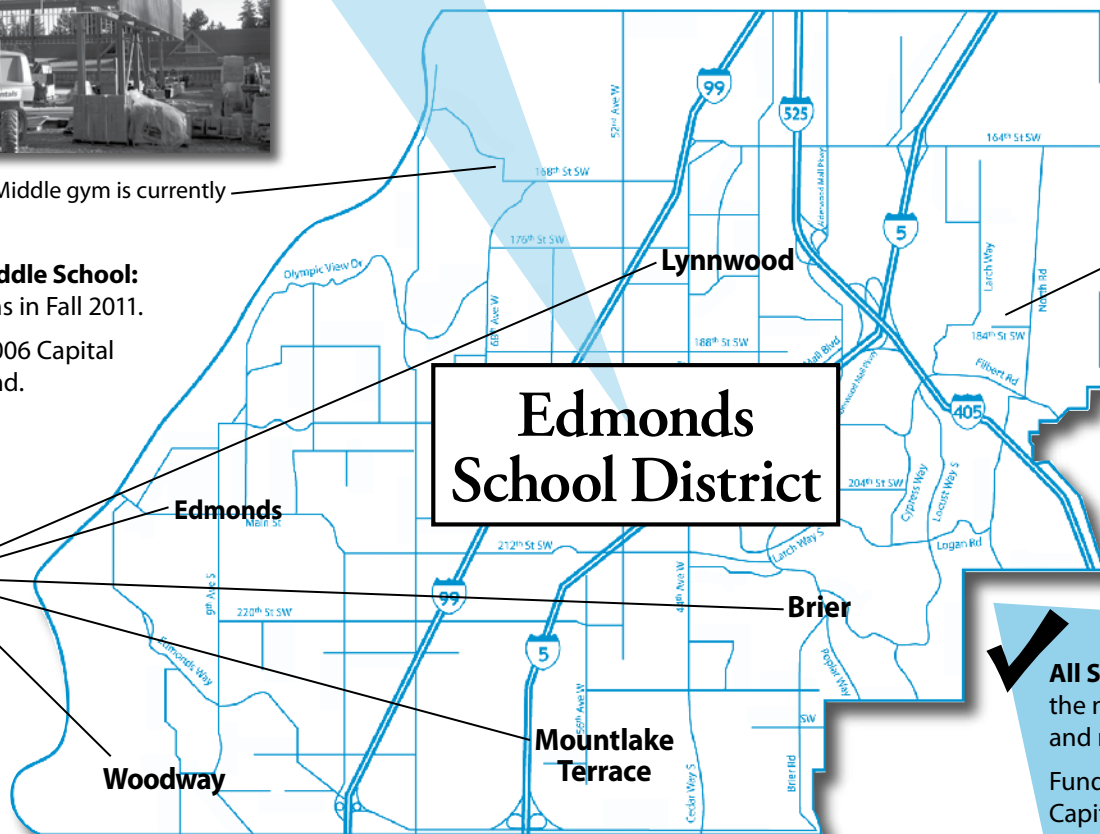
Improvements planned to increase energy efficiency.

Funded by the 2008 Technology/Capital Levy.



All Schools: ongoing work to increase the number of mobile computer labs and replace aging technology tools.

Funded by the 2008 Technology/Capital Levy.



Stimulating Energy Efficiency

The Edmonds School District received a \$500,000 grant from the state Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction that will supplement the levy dollars to improve energy efficiency in our schools. The grant funds were made available by the state legislature in an effort to stimulate the economy and help school districts fund projects to improve efficiency and reduce operating costs.

Did you know?

The Edmonds School District also has several projects planned that will be funded by the revenue from the lease or sale of surplus property. Projects planned with this revenue are subject to approval processes required by the various jurisdictions and the district's negotiations with developers. These projects include the rebuilding of the Alternative Learning Center for Scriber Lake High School, Madrona K-8, Alderwood Middle School, Lynndale Elementary School, and the District Support Center (which relocates and consolidates Maintenance, Transportation, Warehouse, and Educational Service Center).

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