

Report to Our Community

2021-22

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A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT DAN ZORN

PROVIDING OUR KIDS A GREAT EDUCATION

Each year we provide a report to the community reviewing how our schools are performing. I am proud to report that the students and employees at Longview Public Schools are doing well.

The past 18 months has been tough on all of us, and in particular, on our kids. Before the pandemic started Longview students were showing fantastic academic growth in both Literacy and Mathematics. The incredible academic gains were due to a combination of hard work and dedication by our families, students and the employees in each of our schools in providing each child the best education possible. With kids back in the classroom full-time, we continue to focus on helping all students maximize their potential.

The district high school graduation rate exceeded the state average for the fourth year in a row. Last year 87 percent of our students graduated from high school prepared to enter the workforce, enlist in the military or move on to more schooling. While 87 percent is good, our goal is to do better. We are focused on providing our students the best academic and emotional support possible to prepare them for life after high school. Supporting the "whole child" is incredibly important and will help our kids get a great start in life.

While educating our kids is always the top priority of the district we are also working to achieve other important goals. This past year the facilities team has worked very hard completing maintenance projects across all our schools. We have installed new flooring, security fencing, security lighting, HVAC systems, irrigation to school and sports fields and much more. The public has provided the district with great facilities and we are working very hard to keep them in good shape.

The public school system has one of the most important jobs in our community – educating our kids and we appreciate your support of Longview schools.

Respectfully,
Dan Zorn
Superintendent
Longview Public Schools

OUR MISSION:

To ensure that every student learns the knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviors to become a responsible citizen in a rapidly changing world.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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FUTURE FOCUSED SUCCESS

Longview Public Schools has surpassed the state high school graduation rates for the past four years. This is not a fluke. It is by design and due to a lot of focused work. Graduation rates are high partly because our schools offer educational choices that are relevant and of interest to our students. After high school many of our students go on to trade schools, college, serve in the military or seek apprenticeships. No matter what path students decide to take, Longview Public Schools provides a solid foundation that helps them achieve their future goals.

In the past decade, the number of course offerings in advanced placement, career and technical education, and college in the high school has increased significantly to provide our students greater choice and opportunity which gives them a competitive edge. In Career & Technical Education (CTE) alone, course offerings have increased 40 percent and now serve 6th-12th grade students. Courses are grouped under focus areas like Health Sciences, Business & Marketing, STEM, Family & Consumer Sciences, Skilled & Technical, and Agriculture & Natural Resources. Considerable investments have been made through generous grants, local corporate donations and the support of local unions, which has allowed our schools to provide state of the art equipment and curriculum. Some of the recent classes added to the program in the last few years include Biomedical Science, Pre-apprenticeship in the Trades, Robotics, Culinary Arts, and Horticulture.

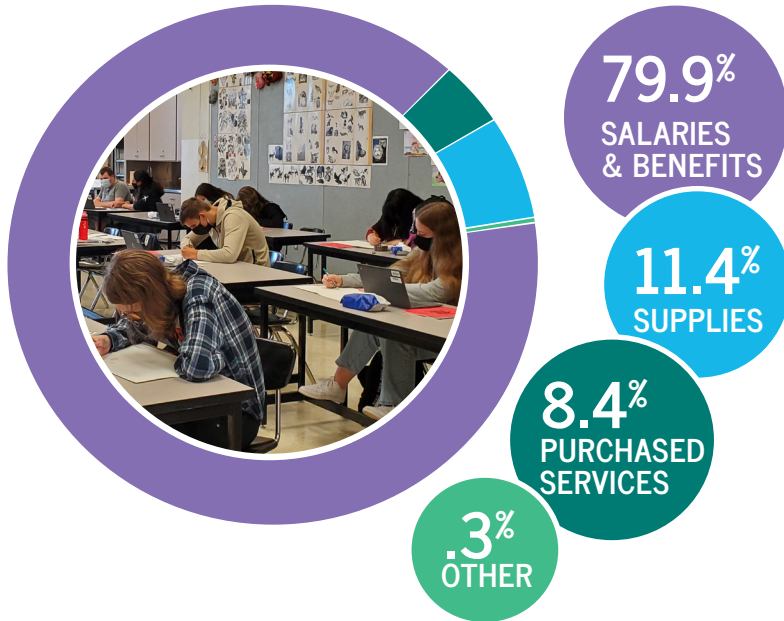
Today, students are able to begin exploring elective classes in middle school and take advanced placement classes in high school where they can earn college credit. Other college level courses are offered through the College in the High School Programs. And of course, we have a strong relationship with Lower Columbia College where a number of our juniors and seniors attend Running Start to work towards their Associates of Arts Degree.

Skilled trades, which is defined as an occupation that requires a training/apprenticeship program and certification like that of an electrician, instrumentation tech, HVAC tech, welder, machinist, automotive tech, power line worker, esthetician, or dental hygienist, to name a few, require prerequisites often earned in high school before a person can enter an apprenticeship program or trade school. Students who choose this route need to meet many of the same prerequisites as students entering a university, with many of these trades requiring successful completion of core classes offered in high school, and the ability to pass tests, especially in the math and sciences.

Longview Public Schools continues to strive to provide courses that are relevant in today's world and of interest to our students. We are proud to be offering cutting edge classes not found in many school districts in the state, to help give our kids the skills and knowledge they need to have a competitive edge toward their future employment.

2021-22 DISTRICT FINANCES

BUDGETED EXPENDITURES



BUDGETED AMOUNT PER STUDENT FOR 2021-22



BUDGETED REVENUE SOURCES

SOURCE	2021-22
LOCAL LEVY	\$14,175,395
LOCAL NON-TAX	\$1,607,215
STATE	\$55,939,839
FEDERAL/GRANTS	\$35,868,001
OTHER	\$194,385
TOTAL	\$107,784,835

NOTE: Data is per approved 2021-22 budget.

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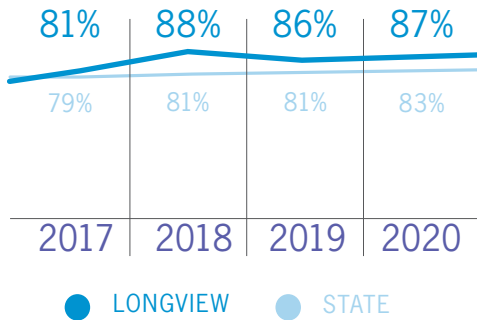


CELEBRATING LONGVIEW GRADUATES

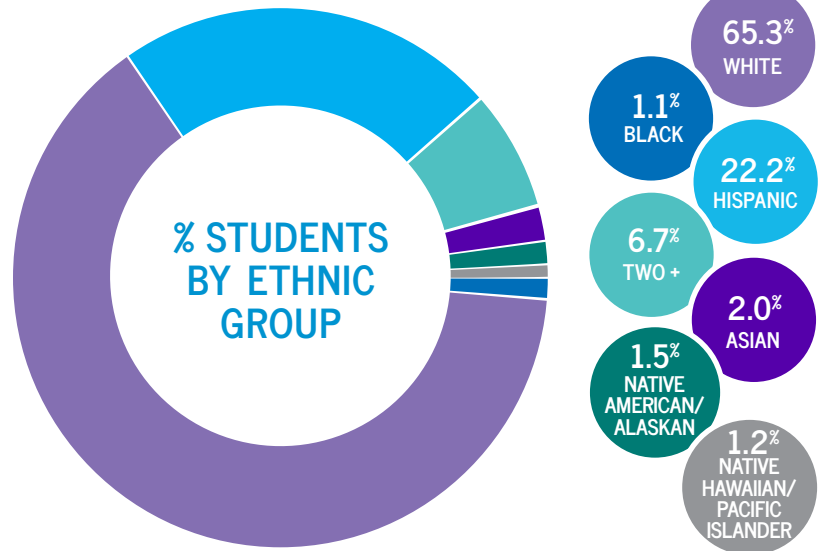


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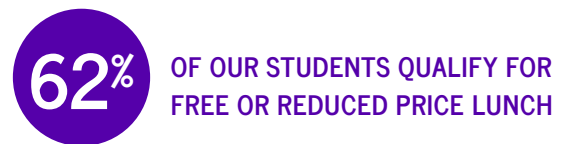
GRADUATION RATES



TOTAL STUDENTS: 6,425



STUDENT : TEACHER RATIOS



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CARING FOR FACILITIES

Some of the most highly utilized buildings in our community are our schools. Thousands of students, employees and parents visit our schools each week, which means the district has a lot of work to do to maintain and repair facilities.

Each year the district spends considerable time and effort maintaining, repairing and updating school facilities. In addition to our maintenance efforts the district is also focusing on improving our facilities to provide students and employees a safe and secure place to learn and thrive.

In the past several years we have replaced the roof at Mark Morris High School and St. Helens Elementary, updated flooring at several schools, added irrigation to athletic fields to keep our fields nice, replaced HVAC systems, refinished the gym floors at both R. A. Long and Mark Morris and cleaned and restored the historical R. A. Long clock tower.

In addition to maintenance and repair projects we have focused on making our schools safe and secure for students and employees. Security fencing has been installed at Kessler Elementary, Mint Valley and Columbia Heights to help control access to school grounds. New security lighting has been installed at Columbia Heights and Monticello Middle School so kids and employees can remain safe during the dark winter months. The feedback from parents about the increased security at our schools has been very positive.

We appreciate the facilities the community has entrusted to us and we are working hard to keep them maintained and safe for our kids.

CLEANING AND RESTORATION OF THE R. A. LONG TOWER



UPDATED READER BOARD AT NORTHLAKE ELEMENTARY

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WEBSITE

Get the latest school news and information on the district homepage at www.longviewschools.com. The district website includes a calendar of events, shows you how to find your bus stop, find information on how we are keeping our school's healthy and safe.

LONGVIEW SCHOOLS SMARTPHONE APP

Download the free Longview School app to your Apple iPhone or Google Android phone and stay in touch with your child's education. **Go to the Apple app store or Google Play store to download the free app today!**

EMAIL US!

We would love to share your student's success with the community. Send us a picture with a caption explaining your child's success to infoteam@longviewschools.com and we will post it to the district website and social media pages.

CALL YOUR SCHOOL

Columbia Heights: 360-575-7461 • **Columbia Valley Gardens:** 360-575-7502 • **Kessler:** 360-575-7541 • **Mint Valley:** 360-575-7582 • **Northlake:** 360-501-8700 • **Olympic:** 360-575-7087
Robert Gray: 360-575-7331 • **St. Helens:** 360-575-7362 • **Cascade:** 360-577-2703 • **Monticello:** 360-575-7050 • **Mt. Solo:** 360-577-2800 • **Discovery:** 360-414-2926
Mark Morris: 360-575-7770 • **R.A. Long:** 360-575-7113 • **Broadway:** 360-575-7429 • **Longview Virtual Academy:** 360-414-2992

SOCIAL MEDIA

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CREATING THE FUTURE TODAY

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