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# Message From the Superintendent

### Making progress, celebrating "Our Commitment" – safety a paramount duty

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



Superintendent  
Dr. Kristine  
McDuffy

**A**s we welcome  
spring with  
open arms, we  
are celebrating the  
growth our students  
have made throughout the school  
year. The measurable progress  
from September until today is ex-  
citing to watch and is what makes

this work in public  
education so very  
special.

Our Commit-  
ment to our stu-  
dents and families  
is clear: Equity of  
Opportunity; Effec-  
tive Learning for All  
Students; focus on

PreK-3rd Grade Early Learning,  
and Graduates Who Are Ready  
for Life. Great progress is being  
made in each of these areas of

commitment. Here are a few  
highlights:

**Equity of Opportunity** –  
Board Policy adopted; full review  
conducted; action steps in motion  
that include development/support  
for equity teams at each school,  
training focused on culturally re-  
sponsive practices, development  
of a framework to build shared  
understanding and clarity about

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## Thank You!

### Replacement School Programs and Operations Levy Earns Voter Approval

Replacement of our existing School Programs  
and Operations Levy was approved by voters  
Feb. 13.

We sincerely thank our community for their  
ongoing support of our students and the work of  
our staff. The measure has been certified by the  
Snohomish County Auditor.

"We are thankful that we can move forward to  
continue the great work underway while plan-  
ning for a stronger tomorrow," Superintendent  
Dr. Kristine McDuffy said. "We are committed to  
providing programs and services that ensure

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### Coding, Robots & Chromebooks Oh My!



**Computer programming with elementary  
students begins with hands-on coding of a  
Bee-Bot robot. For the full story, see Page 2.**

# Learning to Love Math — And Succeeding



**Meadowdale High School  
sophomore Sarah Marshall.**

### Intensified Algebra: A unique approach that's helping students stay on the path to graduation

It's not just about numbers  
and formulas.

It's about taking students who  
are behind in math credits, and  
providing them a double peri-  
od with a unique instructional  
approach that's turning them  
into passing students ready for  
geometry.

In only its second year, teach-  
ers are seeing results that have  
extended into this school year. At  
least one section of up to 25 ninth  
grade students is taught at each  
of the District's five high schools.

*"I feel more confident in my  
math ... I've never been good at  
math, or never liked it but now  
I'm okay with it and  
understand."*

Sarah Marshall  
Meadowdale High School student

"The focus is on developing  
a growth mindset for teachers  
and students," said Teresa Lynd,

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# Optimal Use of Technology

Not “technology for technology’s sake” – it’s a hands-on, practical approach!

Computers are tools, and it’s what our students are doing with these tools and a cadre of other resources – which still includes paper! – is pretty exciting to see.

Bee-Bot robots that students learn to program to move during lessons in kindergarten and first grade, evolves into further advanced critical thinking, math and computer science learning as they get to 5th grade and Spheros robots.

What’s making this possible?

New to the Edmonds School District in the 2017-18 school year was the addition of Chromebooks to kindergarten through 6th grade classrooms. In grades 2-6, each student – called 1-to-1 – has been issued a Chromebook. In kindergarten and first grades, it’s one to every two students.

Chromebooks are part of the voter-approved 2016 Technology/Capital Levy. They are making it possible for students to have consistent access to a laptop as a tool for learning throughout the school day in the majority of their classes as they progress from elementary, to middle, to high school.

“They are being used for authentic integration vs. technology for technology’s sake,” said Robert Baumgartner, Executive Director



**Cedar Valley fifth graders use critical thinking skills with Spheros robots.**

of Student Learning.

“One-to-one, two-to-one, it’s not about that,” added Kim Mathy, manager of Libraries and Instructional Technology. “It’s how the tools are helping the students think critically, problem-solve, work collaboratively and connect to real world problems – all skills they need to be successful in life.”

## Digital Learning Fair May 12!

Teams of students will have their learning ready and set for the public to come and view and ask questions at the District’s first Digital Learning Fair May 12.

The event is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 12 and hosted at Meadowdale High School.

Hoping to make this an annual opportunity, this inaugural event will also include:

- Digital Citizenship workshops for adults
- Jeep Barnett (a game creator at Valve who helped develop the game Portal) will be our keynote speaker. His story of quitting a janitorial job at Fred Meyer to become a game developer should serve as an inspiration to students and parents.

Want more information? Please email [leesg@edmonds.wednet.edu](mailto:leesg@edmonds.wednet.edu), call (425) 431-7297, or visit <https://sites.google.com/edmonds.wednet.edu/dl>

## Algebra

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Secondary Math Instructional Lead working in the District’s Student Learning Department this year. She taught Intensified Algebra at Meadowdale High School

last year. “They see math as this giant obstacle, and they are now getting over it. It’s still an obstacle, but they are no longer giving up.”

Intensified Algebra is taught using “old-school algebra” – paper and pencil and teacher direct-

ed, but it’s also online, where, for example, linear relationships are live and in front of them. “They can see, touch and manipulate,” Lynd said. “There are multiple entry points to learning.”

The District is seeking to reach

and support more students in the upcoming school year. Additional sections are being added at each school for 2018-19, and the similarly designed course, Intensified Geometry, will also be a class offering.

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this important work; building a systemic family engagement plan.

#### Effective Learning for All Students –

Updating Board Policies; adopted social emotional learning curriculum; expanded access to laptops for all students; science adoption underway; implementation of the new Arts K-12 Learning Standards; Ethnic Studies added as an option for seniors.

#### PreK-3rd Grade Early Learning –

Engaging community partners; implementing new social emotional curriculum, Second Step; exploring expansion of pre-school options.

#### Graduates Who Are Ready for Life –

Enhancing students’ High School & Beyond Plans; STEM Computer Science Grant received to support the development of AP Computer Science course at each high school; expansion of internship and apprenticeship options for students.

While we have much to celebrate in the progress we are making, we know we have much work to do. We also know that we cannot do this critical work unless we are providing a safe and caring learning environment – it is our paramount duty. In a message I recently sent to our community, I outlined steps the District is taking. Here were some of

the examples:

- A District Safety/Emergency Preparedness Specialist working directly with schools to make sure that measures are

in place and reviewed regularly.

**For the Latest on District Security upgrades, see Page 3**

- Comprehensive safety/emergency response plans for each site.
- Staff at each of our buildings who are trained to respond in an emergency situation.
- Emergency drills that are conducted monthly

at each of our schools to help staff and students understand how to respond in the event of an actual emergency.

- Our School Board will review a recently-conducted evaluation and audit of our current safety preparedness and will recommend further actions to be taken during its March 20 work session.
- Through partnerships with the cities of Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace and the Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office, we are reintroducing School Resource Officers at all of our comprehensive high schools. They are available to provide support to our middle and

elementary schools within their feeder patterns.

- We have made progress on securing school entry access points by installing keyless entry hardware. We are working to complete this installation at all of our schools in the future.
- We are making progress on the installation of school security cameras at our school sites.
- All of our school administrators are being trained in Threat Assessment protocol to better identify students who are in need of support and further attention.
- We have implemented a new and improved Safe Schools Alert, which allows individuals to report concerns anonymously via email, phone or text message.

This is truly a special community and together we are strong! We always welcome your questions, comments and recommendations. Please continue to engage and partner with us in this journey – for the children!

With gratitude,

Dr. Kristine McDuffy  
Superintendent

# Now Hiring: School Bus Drivers

Paid training, benefits – no experience necessary

The Edmonds School District is actively seeking school bus drivers. "It is a challenging job, but an exciting and rewarding position focused on safety," said Ben Mount, Transportation Director.

- No experience necessary
- Paid Training; \$23.76 after training
- Benefits and retirement plans

- Edmonds/Lynnwood Area
- Part time yet permanent position
- Work mornings and afternoons (your mid-day is open)
- Substitute on routes until one becomes available

For more information call 425-431-1423. Apply at [www.edmonds.wednet.edu](http://www.edmonds.wednet.edu).

## Your Input Sought: Time Survey Online Through April 13

"Non-student" time are the days when the District holds either a full or half day off from regularly-scheduled class time for staff to focus on improving instructional practices and look at data to improve student learning.

Edmonds School District is exploring different ways to package how this time is provided. A committee of district staff, stu-

dents, and community members is exploring options. Your feedback is crucial to inform the committee as it continues its work gathering data and information. The survey is not intended nor will serve as a vote, but rather to gather ideas and community input. The survey can be found online at <https://goo.gl/XtCesC>

## Thank You!

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each and every student receives a quality education. "These are challenging

times with many questions still remaining about the funding of public education," she added. "Our community's belief in and ongoing support of their public

schools is outstanding. We will continue to demonstrate that we are excellent stewards of our community's resources. A heartfelt 'thank you!'"

## District Security

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### District Security

- Maintenance and Transportation Cameras – Completed
- Alderwood Middle Cameras & Access Control – Completed
- Lynndale Elementary Cameras & Access Control – Completed
- Meadowdale Middle Access Control – Completed
- Martha Lake Elementary Access Control – Completed
- Terrace Park Access Control – Under Construction

### Updates to four high schools in the District:

- Edmonds-Woodway High Access Control – Under Construction
- Lynnwood High Access Control – Completed
- Meadowdale High Access Control – Under Construction
- Mountlake Terrace High Access Control – Under Construction



The new entrance (above) at Terrace Park Elementary controls access during school hours and entry is directly into the main office. The former main entrance can be seen to the right of the new entrance.

## Save the Date

(ESC=Educational Services Center)

**Monday, April 2-Friday, April 6**  
Spring Break

**Tuesday, April 10**

6:30 p.m. School Board meeting at ESC

**Monday, April 16**

7 p.m. Fourth of four annual Community Budget meetings hosted at Edmonds-Woodway Theater

**Monday, April 23**

6-9 p.m. Districtwide Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) Fair hosted at Mountlake Terrace High

**Monday, April 23**

6:30 p.m. Equity Alliance for Achievement meeting at the ESC

**Tuesday, April 24**

6:30 p.m. School Board meeting at ESC

**Friday, April 27**

Early Release, All Grades

**Wednesday, May 2**

12-3 p.m. Superintendent's Community Lunch & School Tour

**Tuesday, May 8**

6:30 p.m. School Board meeting at ESC

**Friday, May 11**

Early Release, All Grades

**Saturday, May 19**

9 a.m. to noon. Health & Fitness Expo at Edmonds Stadium

**Monday, May 21**

6:30 p.m. Equity Alliance for Achievement meeting at the ESC

**Tuesday, May 22**

6:30 p.m. School Board meeting at ESC

**Friday, May 25**

Early Release, All Grades

**Monday, May 28**

No School – Memorial Day

**Friday, June 1**

7 p.m. Edmonds Heights K-12 Graduation at Former Woodway Campus

**Tuesday, June 12**

6:30 p.m. School Board meeting at ESC

**Thursday, June 14**

5 p.m. Scriber Lake High Graduation at Former Woodway Campus

**Friday, June 15**

6:30 p.m. Lynnwood High Graduation at Edmonds Stadium

**Saturday, June 16**

1 p.m. Edmonds-Woodway High Graduation at Edmonds Stadium

**Saturday, June 16**

7 p.m. Mountlake Terrace High Graduation at Edmonds Stadium

**Monday, June 18**

6:30 p.m. Meadowdale High Graduation at Edmonds Stadium

**Tuesday, June 19**

6 p.m. Edmonds eLearning Academy Graduation at College Place Middle

## Edmonds School District Board of Directors



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## PROGRESS CONTINUES

# Voter-Approved 2014 Capital Construction Bond

Providing our students with quality schools

Thanks to a 2014 voter-approved Capital Construction Bond, additional revenue from the sale and/or lease of District property and approval from the School Board, there are four major projects underway. For additional details on each project, please visit: <https://goo.gl/evduya>

### Lynnwood Elementary

**Total project cost – \$42.2 million.**

Construction started June 2017, school opens for students September 2018

- Demolition of old school complete
- Initial sitework and utility installation, foundations and slabs complete
- Steel structure complete
- Wood wall and roof framing nearly complete
- Mechanical, plumbing and electrical work underway
- Approximately half of the building is weatherproofed

School is moved off-site to former Alderwood Middle School for 2017-18 school year.

### Mountlake Terrace Elementary

**Total project cost – \$39.2 million.**

Construction started June 2017, school opens for students September 2018

- Demolition of old school complete
- Initial sitework and utility installation, foundations and slabs complete
- Steel structure complete
- Wood wall and roof framing nearly complete
- Mechanical, plumbing and electrical work underway
- The first floor classroom wing is weatherproofed

School is moved off-site to former Woodway Elementary for 2017-18 school year.



Students sign construction materials at Lynnwood Elementary.



Aerial view of Lynnwood Elementary site.

### Spruce Elementary (Phase 1)

**Total Project Cost – \$26.5 million.**

Could open for students September 2019.

- Design of full replacement complete through Design Development phase
- Phase 1 final design complete and submitted to City of Lynnwood for initial permit review
- Currently in bid phase with School Board decision on construction Spring 2018
- Proposed construction starts Spring of 2018

School will remain on-site during construction of Phase 1.



Mountlake Terrace Elementary construction site.



Aerial view of Madrona K-8 site.

### Madrona K-8

**Total Project Cost – \$50.5 million.**

Construction started June 2017, school opens for students September 2018

- Sitework, utility installation, foundation structures complete
- Building structures nearly complete
- The five Learning Pavilions are weathered-in

School remains on-site during construction.

## PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS PROGRAM AND DISTRICT SECURITY

# Voter-Approved Technology/Capital Levy At Work!

The Capital Partnership Program provides opportunities through grants to encourage community involvement in projects that enhance the educational environment and make improvements to facilities.

Funding for this program comes from the voter-approved Technology/Capital Levy. The program provides matching

funds for dozens of projects ranging from readerboards to major field improvements.

#### Terrace Park Elementary

- New visitor entrance construction. Completion estimated mid-March of 2018 (see photo Page 3)

#### Martha Lake Elementary

- Readerboard – Completion estimated mid-March 2018

#### Maplewood K-8

- Playground equipment – Complete

#### Seaview Elementary

- Outdoor learning area – Pending on fundraising

#### Brier Elementary

- Sound system – Complete

#### College Place Elementary

- Readerboard – Pending on fundraising

#### Mountlake Terrace High

- Theater/Event Lighting in Gym – Pending on fundraising and project scoping

#### Lynnwood High

- Robotics Equipment Storage – Canceled

#### Mountlake Terrace Elementary

- Replace Mural for new building – Fundraising in process

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