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COMMUNITY CONNECTION - WINTER 2023

Rebuilding South Kitsap - Bond Development Process

South Kitsap School District is in the early phase of developing a bond for voter consideration in November 2023. The Long Range Facility Planning Committee assessed all district sites and recommended significant improvements at every facility in their report to the School Board. The Bond Steering Committee is prioritizing the sites with the most urgent needs in a package focused on tax rate stability. The School Board will finalize the bond proposal by June of 2023.

Community Input Timeline

November 2022.....Bond Steering Committee Events
Oct - Dec 2022.....Thought Exchange Survey
January 2023.....Bond Steering Committee Plan Input
Jan - Feb 2023.....Thought Exchange Survey
Mar - Oct 2023.....Community Education and Engagement
November 2023.....Ballot Measure for Voter Consideration

Long Range Planning for Facilities

School districts do not receive funding for school construction and are reliant upon community support, typically through voter approved bonds. South Kitsap School District's last successful bond measure was 32 years ago and was used to build Sidney Glen Elementary, Hidden Creek Elementary, and Mullenix Ridge Elementary. Every site in South Kitsap School District is in need of improvement. The charge is to address the most urgent rebuilding and renovation of district facilities without overburdening local taxpayers. The 2023 Bond is the critical first step to address all district sites over the next several years.

Proposed Bond Projects

- Cedar Heights Middle School replacement
- Olalla Elementary replacement
- South Colby Elementary replacement
- Explorer and Discovery facility replacement
- South Kitsap High School phase one renovation
- Early Learning Centers at South Colby and Olalla
- Districtwide improvements and repairs



SK Alumni Spotlight - Commander Annie Otten

Notable South Kitsap Alumni Commander Annie Otten serves as the commanding officer of the HT-8 Eightballers, Naval Helicopter Training Squadron. Commander Otten attended Mullenix Ridge Elementary, John Sedgwick Middle School, and South Kitsap High School. She recently returned to John Sedgwick as the guest speaker at their Veterans Day assembly. Commander Otten knows the power of dreams and supporting students as they work toward their future goals. #SKpride



Commander Annie Otten visited John Sedgwick Middle School



Student leaders at John Sedgwick Middle School

Honoring Military Families and Those Who Serve

South Kitsap Schools held a variety of recognition events in November to honor Veterans and the military community. The South Kitsap High School NJROTC Wolf Battalion volunteered at the Retsil Veterans Home and the Color Guard supported events across the district. There were performances from school choirs and bands along with slideshows showcasing photos of family members.

Big Support from Service Organizations

The South Kitsap Public Education Foundation is a regular supporter of district programs. This past year the SKPEF launched classroom grants and awarded more than \$22,000 to support instruction in South Kitsap classrooms.

The Kurt Wagner Education Fund, South Kitsap Kiwanis, Rotary of South Kitsap, and Port Orchard Rotary provide invaluable assistance through a variety of programs like classroom reading, scholarships, student recognition and much more. The Little Library shown in the photo was donated by the Kiwanis Club of Port Orchard.



Preschool student with her book at the Madrona Heights Little Library



Student Voice via the Student Advisory Panel

Superintendent Winter is forming the Student Advisory Panel to gather input from student representatives. Students at South Kitsap High School, Explorer Academy, and Discovery High School are welcome to apply with their school principal. The Student Advisory Panel is an alternative to having student representatives to the School Board. This group will meet regularly with Superintendent Winter to address student concerns, share input on district initiatives and build school belonging.



South Kitsap learners are problem solvers, community contributors, confident learners, effective communicators, critical thinkers, collaborators, leaders and innovators. This set of characteristics displayed by South Kitsap students are developed starting in pre-kindergarten and nurtured through high school graduation and beyond.





Senior Tax Exchange Program

The Senior Tax Exchange Program will begin in January. Under this program seniors, age 62 or older, who meet income restrictions can earn credit toward their local property taxes by serving at least 20 hours of volunteer time in our schools. There is a separate volunteer application for this program and a set budget which limits the number of seniors that are accepted to the program. Call 360-874-7005 or email millera@skschools.org to apply.

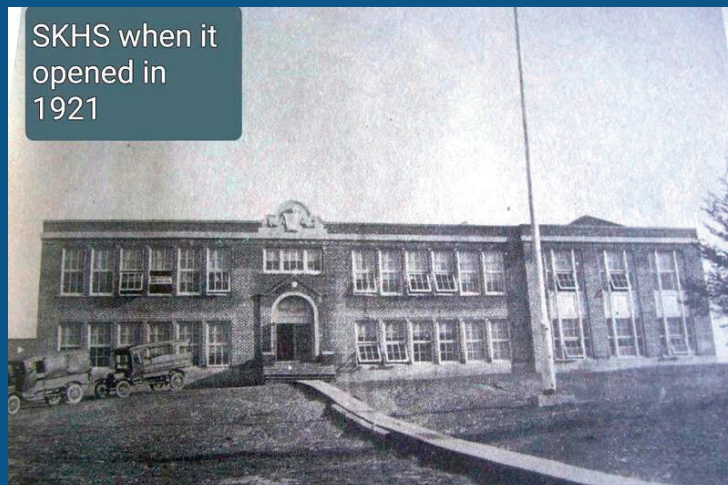
Calling All South Kitsap Alumni

Are you a graduate of South Kitsap High School or did you attend or work for one of the other schools in South Kitsap School District?

The South Kitsap Public Education Foundation wants to grow an alumni network of former South Kitsap students and staff. The South Kitsap school community has a proud history! What's your SK connection?

Please email SKPEF@skschools.org or call 360-874-7005.

SKHS when it
opened in
1921



SKHS students took a field trip to study salmon habitat and spawning.



SKHS students collected more than 2000 food items to support South Kitsap Helpline.



SKHS sophomore Amelya Lester-Dame earned the State Championship title for WIAA Ambulatory Cross Country

SKSD Board of Directors: Jeffrey Wilson, Brian Pickard, Kate Espy, John Berg, Jeff Daily | Superintendent: Tim Winter

The South Kitsap School District provides equal educational and employment opportunity without regard to race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation – including gender expression or identity, marital status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. Equal access to activities, facilities and program is provided to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups. District procedure complies with all applicable state and federal laws.

The Title IX Officer and Section 504 Coordinator with the responsibility for monitoring, auditing and ensuring compliance with this policy are:

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