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Message from the *Superintendent*

Dear families and friends -

At Snohomish School District, we are proud of having great schools where our kids get a top-notch education. We are also focused on making sure our students – no matter where they live – have the same access to safe, modern school buildings.

It is for this reason, that over a year ago, the School Board created the Citizens Facility Advisory Committee (CFAC). This group of community members took a year to study our buildings, enrollment and educational standards in order to make a capital bond recommendation to the Board. Through the CFAC's recommendation, the Board of Directors approved moving forward with a February 2020 bond that focuses on:

Providing access and opportunity for each student

- Funds from the bond will be used to replace our oldest elementary schools, so all students have the same access to an optimal learning environment no matter which school they attend.

Enhancing school safety and security for students and staff

- Funding is needed for security improvements to better ensure our children learn in a safe environment. The bond would provide upgrades to safety and security at all schools (K-12) throughout the district.

Continuing community pride

- This bond will ensure our schools continue to be a source of pride in our community. We know that the success of our students and quality schools reflect our community and are a source of pride.

You can learn more about the February 2020 bond at www.sno.wednet.edu/2020bond.

Inside this issue of School Views you will also learn more about our aquatic center and work planned for early next year to improve the health of the big oak tree on the Snohomish High School campus. I encourage you to read more about both of these community and district treasures.

Student learning is the number one goal at Snohomish and it is an endeavor that we cannot do alone. We must stand alongside our parents, families and community to ensure each child has every opportunity to succeed. It is only when we encourage the voice of all, that we can best serve and prepare our students to one day take the lead.

Thank you for your continued support. Our students, and all they accomplish, are truly a reflection of our community and a source of pride.

Dr. Kent Kultgen
Superintendent of the Snohomish School District



This year's Great Pumpkin Run was another fantastic event! This long-standing district tradition and elementary race is coordinated by district high school cross country athletes and involves hundreds of students every fall.

Join our team!

The school district is looking for people to fill a number of positions, from substitute teachers, to bus drivers, custodians, and paraeducators.

Substitute teachers are especially hard to find and we often struggle to find enough to meet our needs. To be a substitute teacher, you must have a state teaching certificate, but because of the shortage, we also have what are called emergency substitutes. To be eligible, interested individuals need a four-year college degree and some experience working with students. We currently pay our substitute teachers \$160–\$215/day.

There are openings for other school positions as well. Do you want to work with students but don't have a four-year degree?

You can be a substitute paraeducator (\$19.29–\$20.38/hour). To be eligible, you must have an AA degree or higher, or at least 48 semester credits or 72 quarter credits in college or pass a ParaPro Assessment test.

Are you retired or a stay-at-home parent? Consider life as a substitute bus driver (\$24+/hour). We also need substitute custodians. We offer competitive wages (\$22.80/hour).



And at our Snohomish Aquatic Center, we are looking for swim instructors, water fit instructors and lifeguards. Opportunities there are geared to individuals who can work a variety of hours (mornings, afternoons, evenings and weekends available). Experience is not required for many of the positions as training is provided.

To apply, look for the Employment Opportunities link on the school district's website or visit www.sno.wednet.edu/jobs.



The big tree!

After more than 100 years and tens of thousands of feet walking along its strong root system, the beloved big red oak tree on the Snohomish High School campus will soon get a little extra love. Arborists have agreed that commitments must be made to help the stately old tree continue to flourish for years to come.

In mid-February 2020 work will begin to remove the concrete path that is dissecting the root system, trim any dead or unstable wood and branches, aerate and replace the soil around the tree and install a cedar split rail fence and natural ground cover around the tree's dripline to protect the soil from being further compacted. Signage explaining the history and facts about the red oak will be placed within the site.



Splash on in!

The Snohomish Aquatic Center has everything aquatic under one roof – swim lessons, recreational swim, surfing, water playtime, diving, competitive swim, parties and water fitness classes.

Located in the heart of Snohomish, the 52,000-square-foot Snohomish Aquatic Center includes a competition pool, dive area, recreation pool, hot tub, spray-play area, zero-entry area, surf-simulation machine (FlowRider), lazy river, and Splashtacular waterslide.

The recreation pool (5,091 square feet) supports a variety of structured and non-structured activities including swim lessons, water fitness and water play. The recreation pool temperature is 84 – 86 degrees Fahrenheit. Recreation pool activities include:

- Open/recreation swim — Our recreation pool area includes three, 20-yard lap lanes and ample space for swimming lessons and recreational play. The zero-depth entry, shallow-water area is designed for preschool and beginner swimmers.
- Spray play area — Designed to provide a fun, interactive aquatic wonderland for young swimmers.
- Parent and tot programming
- Lazy river — Designed in a figure 8 shape to allow guests to glide through the water.
- Swim lessons
- FlowRider surf-simulation machine
- Open lap swim
- Hot tub
- Aqua basketball hoops
- Water fitness
- Splashtacular waterslide — This enclosed waterslide provides a fun, corkscrew ride starting inside the center, spiraling out of the building and ending back in.

The 10-lane competition pool (6,163 square feet) was designed for speed. The competition pool temperature is 78-80 degrees Fahrenheit. It measures 25 yards by 25 meters and features a 7-foot shallow end, 12 ½-foot deep end and three 1-meter diving boards. The competition pool natatorium also has bleachers for up to 420 guests. Competition pool activities include:

- Open lap swim
- U.S. Master's Swimming
- Open/recreational swim
- Diving
- Swim competitions
- Water fitness

Learn more about the Snohomish Aquatic Center including schedules and programming at www.snohomishaquatic.com. We are located at 516 Maple Avenue in Snohomish and our phone number is 360.568.8030.

JUST KEEP SWIMMING

Learning to swim is more than just stroke development. Our program teaches guests to swim independently, develop good technique and important safety skills. It includes levels tailored to teach essential water safety skills and logical swim skill progression and includes opportunities for in-session advancement. Our program serves guests at any level - from those just getting familiar with the water to beginner swimmers to others with competitive aspirations.

Snohomish Aquatic Center instructors use a guest-centered approach which offers active involvement and a better understanding of swimming, thus more learning and more fun. Swim lessons are available in group, private, and semi-private formats. We offer a wide variety of session dates and times.

Did you know?

- Drowning ranks fifth among the leading causes of unintentional injury death in the United States, and second among children in the state of Washington.
- Participation in formal swimming lessons may reduce the risk of drowning by as much as 88 percent among young children aged 1 to 4 years, who are at highest risk of drowning.
- Regular physical activity in childhood and adolescence improves strength and endurance, helps build healthy bones and muscles, helps control weight, reduces anxiety and stress, increases self-esteem, and may improve blood pressure and cholesterol levels



Free swim lessons for district 2nd graders

Swim for Life is offering every 2nd grader enrolled in the Snohomish School District a free session of group swim lessons at the Snohomish Aquatic Center for the 2019-2020 school year. This community program is funded through generous donations raised through Swim for Life. The Snohomish Aquatic Center is a Snohomish School District facility. Swim for Life is a nonprofit organization that was recently formed by local community members who have a passion for enriching the lives of young people in our community. Its mission is to make young people safer in the water.

- Learn more about the district's 2nd grade swim program at www.sno.wednet.edu/2ndgradeswim
- Learn more about Swim for Life, its outreach efforts, scholarships, giving opportunities and more, please visit www.swimforlifesnnohomish.org

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The Snohomish Aquatic Center is home to the only indoor FlowRider surf-simulation machine in all of Washington. Imagine not having to wait for swells or perfect surf conditions – not having to wait in a lift line or for a winter storm to cover your mountain.

Flowboarding is a hybrid board sport, which has been evolving since the 1980s. The sport combines the progression, maneuvers, and skills from the core action sports of skateboarding, surfing and snowboarding and to a lesser extent, wakeboarding and skim-boarding. These board sports have a strong influence on flowboarding's direction, style, and energy. Amateur to top professional action sports athletes find flowboarding to be a fix to their adrenaline needs, as well as an epic cross-over sport.

Guests must be 42-inches tall to ride the boogie boards and 52-inches tall and no more than 250 pounds to ride the stand-up boards. We offer open surf, flow lessons, FlowRider parties, private rentals, competitions and more!





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Did you know the majority of people who live in the Snohomish School District do not have school-aged children? The purpose of School Views is to let our community know about the programs,

events and activities happening in their Snohomish School District. To reduce the cost of postage we use a bulk mailing process that delivers to every residential customer on a carrier's route.

Building for Our Students' Future

Capital Bond - February 11, 2020



Building for Our Students' Future

CAPITAL BOND | FEB. 11, 2020

Snohomish School District is asking voters to consider a \$470 million school funding measure in the February 2020 election to rebuild aging elementary schools, reduce the need for portable classrooms and make sure our school buildings continue to be a source of pride for our community. These projects will ensure our students have access to safe, quality school buildings and programs throughout our district, which serves about 9,800 students.

- Learn more at www.sno.wednet.edu/2020bond.
- Find a list of frequently asked questions (and answers) about the bond at www.sno.wednet.edu/2020bond/faqs.

Interested in attending a community meeting to learn more about the proposed capital bond?

Community meetings will be held:

At Snohomish High School in the commons (1316 Fifth Street in Snohomish) at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2020

At Glacier Peak High School in the commons (7401 144th Place SE in Snohomish) at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2020

A list of other upcoming opportunities is available at www.sno.wednet.edu/2020bond/communitymeetings.

The Snohomish School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to

handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Civil Rights Coordinator, Title IX Coordinator and ADA – Darryl Pemat, 1601 Avenue D, Snohomish, WA 98290, 360-563-7285, darryl.pemat@sno.wednet.edu; Section 504 Coordinator and Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying – Shawn Stevenson, 1601 Avenue D, Snohomish, WA 98290, 360-563-7314, shawn.stevenson@sno.wednet.edu.