

# Friends & Neighbors



LAKESWOOD  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Sharing news from our schools that every community member should know....

From Superintendent Scott Peacock to you.

## A Day in the Life: Teaching Middle School Students

Grace and patience. Every lesson that I produce and every class I teach, I use these words as cornerstones. Each day that I prepare, I am balancing the demands of the curriculum and the needs of our scholars. Each morning, I recognize that the needs of scholars that day may cause me to steer the ship in a different direction.

Grace and patience. I have found that making myself malleable to the needs of our scholars is vital in this environment. Allowing everyone to be successful is the most important part of our job, and sometimes, grace and patience are required to see that goal through. While I deliver lessons, how to maximize the participation of scholars is paramount.

Sometimes, this means just having a little fun at the beginning of class to set the tone. I want scholars to feel safe in answering questions, even if they are not completely sure of the answer

Grace and patience. Even after going over the lesson a few times with many different mediums, scholars will still require that extra help – perhaps before or after school. These times are great for me to help further my relationship with the scholar. These are great times for scholars to understand that just because you did not get it the first few times, does not mean that you have failed – you just needed a boost to be successful. During these times, I have found relying on grace and patience has been important for both me and the scholars.

-By Cullen Cantwell—Mr. Cantwell teaches World History, World Geography, Washington State History and Leadership at Lakewood Middle School



## Lakewood Community Loses Three Giants

During the holidays, our community lost three men who served as guiding lights to multiple generations of students and families. Our staff suffered the loss of three good friends, teaching partners, and mentors.

On December 16th, staff and students felt the deep loss of Dan Hutchinson, a beloved teacher at Lakewood Middle School and football, softball, and wrestling coach at Lakewood High School.

On December 24th, our district learned of the passing of Dick Cardinal, for whom our stadium is named, and whose character has continued to be a legacy to our district.

On January 2nd, our staff and community were again rocked by the passing of Ron Thorvilson—recently retired—whose gentleness and humor shaped the lives of countless students and colleagues our teams, and in his classroom.

All three of these men will be deeply missed. We anticipate there will be a feature article in the Everett Herald in the coming days. Please visit [heraldnet.com](http://heraldnet.com) to read more about how these men shaped lives in our community.



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## Lakewood Schools to Expand In-person Learning



More voices and laughter will now fill the halls of Lakewood elementary schools.

Students from grades K-2 will be returning to in-person learning on January 25th, four days per week (M, T, Th, F) in their regular classes. Students in grades 3-5 will be returning on February 16th in a hybrid model that rotates half of the students on A days and B days each week.

As we monitor our process with the addition of each of these grade bands, we will evaluate our readiness and identify timelines for a return of our middle and high school students as soon as possible in a hybrid model.

This timeline and plan is consistent with the new Department of Health (DOH) Decision Tree and takes current trends into consideration. It is also consistent with how other districts in Snohomish County are moving forward under the new DOH guidance.

Detailed and thoughtful planning of staff and administration will ensure that all countermeasures, protocols, and accommodations to facilities, attestations, and staff are in place. National research has shown that combined, these measures prevent the transmission of COVID in schools.

We are as ready to move forward as any district in our region.

## Lakewood Schools Navigate Critical Funding Gaps

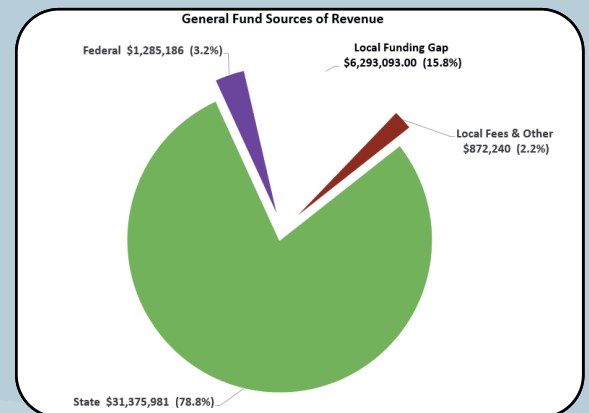
Even as a new legislative session approaches, public schools are still fighting to receive funding for essential programs. The promise of McCleary has not been fulfilled. Local funding, when approved, continues to be an essential part of supporting operations and local priorities.

State funding increased in 2018, however it still does not cover the actual costs of operating Lakewood schools. As a result, in 2021, our district will experience the following gap:

Without the levy funding proposed and not approved by Lakewood voters, our district faces a \$6.3 million funding gap in 2021.

Lakewood schools will have to make substantial reductions in staff, activities, athletics, health room staff, and school safety programs for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years.

**"All of us will need to work together to meet our students needs and address local priorities!"**



Community Budget Advisory groups will be identified in February. Please go to our district website at [www.lwsd.wednet.edu/Page/1466](http://www.lwsd.wednet.edu/Page/1466) to get more information.

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