

# Friends & Neighbors



**LAKEWOOD**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

From Superintendent Scott Peacock to you.

**SEPTEMBER 2019**



## SCHOOL BOARD PRIORITIZES CONSTRUCTION

The Lakewood School District has an estimated \$7.4 million of capital projects funds remaining. The Board has previously directed in resolution #04-19 that these funds would be “used for capital projects relating to a new District Office, improvements at Lakewood Middle School and the District’s Operations Facility, replacing roofs at school buildings, and other projects as determined by the District and Board of Directors.”

After reviewing projected costs and identified projects the Board of Directors unanimously voted to allocate remaining funds according to the following priorities:

1. Completion of current projects:
  - Resolution of the Lakewood High School punch list and identified improvements at the stadium (Projected cost: \$115,000)
  - Replacement of the Cougar Creek Elementary School roof (Projected cost: \$350,000)
  - Construction of two STEM labs at Lakewood Middle School (Projected cost: \$250,000)
2. Construction of an Operations Facility (Projected cost: \$1.5 million)
3. Replace District Administration Office (After addressing other priorities, projected cost: Up to \$4 million)
4. Retention of contingency funds to complete prioritized projects under the current bond and to address needs identified by the Board of Directors (Proposed budget: \$1.185 million)

The Board has articulated a value that available resources be prioritized around projects that are closest to students and schools. The priorities identified above hold to that value, ensuring the safe, efficient operation of the district as a student, staff and community resource.

**LAKEWOOD COMMUNITY CAFÉ** *Schools are the heart of our community!*  
*Come together as a community on Wednesday, October 9th, 2019 from 6 7:30 PM for the Lakewood Community Cafe in the Lakewood High School Commons*  
*Join Friends & Neighbors in cafe style conversations, facilitated by Superintendent Scott Peacock.*  
*To RSVP visit our website, District App, Facebook or call our district office at 360 652 4500.*



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## Conversations with the Superintendent

Meet the superintendent at the Paddle Pub Restaurant (4915 Lakewood Rd) Monday Nights from 5 6 pm or at IHOP on Wednesday mornings from 6:30 7:30 am.

# SCHOOL FUNDING PRIMER



## Bonds & Levies - Next Month: The "McCleary Fix"

### How are schools funded?

Lakewood School District receives public funding from three main sources: the federal government, Washington state, and local voter approved bonds and levies.

- **Federal Funding** provides financial support for high poverty schools and students who require additional resources in order to obtain a fair, equitable, high quality education. Such programs include Vocational Education, Special Education, Native American Education and English Language acquisition.
- **Washington State Funding** is provided through a complex funding model implemented by the Washington State legislature in 2018. It essentially funds basic education through what is called a "prototypical school" model that is based in large part on student enrollment. The state also provides funding for Career and Technical Education, Special Education, Learning Assistance Programs, and Highly Capable Programs. State dollars do not fully fund schools.
- **Local Funding** comes through levy and bond measures approved by local taxpayers. They are based upon local property valuations. Property owners pay a set amount for each \$1,000 of their assessed property values. Once approved, levy and bond amounts cannot be increased. When community property values increase, the amount paid per \$1,000 decreases. There are exemptions for senior citizens who meet income requirements.

### What is the Difference Between Bonds & Levies?

Simply stated, levies are for learning, and bonds are for building.

**Levies** Levy funds are used by the school district to maintain facilities, support extracurricular activities, maintain technology access, improve school safety, purchase educational resources not funded by the state. In 2016, Lakewood voters approved a Maintenance and Operations Levy to support educational programs and operations, as well as a Capital and Technology Levy to improve facilities, safety and technology access to students and staff from calendar years 2017 2020.

**Bonds** Generally, bonds are for the purchase of property, remodeling of schools, or for larger construction projects or systems upgrades. Bonds provide financing for a longer period of time, similar to home mortgages. Lakewood voters approved a bond in 2014 for the construction of the high school and other facility upgrades.

#### Non-Discrimination Notice:

In accordance with RCW49.60, the Lakewood School District does not discriminate in employment and schools. The Lakewood School District provides Equal Educational and Employment Opportunity without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, sex, handicap/disability, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, creed, religion, age, veteran or military status, use of a trained dog to guide or service animal by a person with a disability, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and designated youth groups. The district complies with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations to include, but not limited to, Title IX, Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, RCW 49.60 "The Law Against Discrimination," and RCW 28A.640 "Sex Equity," and covers, but is not limited to, all district programs, courses, activities, including extracurricular activities, services, access to facilities, etc. Inquiries regarding compliance procedures should be directed to Lakewood School District, 17110 16th Drive NE, Marysville, WA 98271, Attention: Title IX and Civil Rights Officer, Daniel Lee, 360-652-4500, dlee@lwsd.wednet.edu or ADA Compliance Officer and Section 504 Compliance Officer, Amie Verellen-Grubbs, 360-652-4500, averellen-grubbs@lwsd.wednet.edu.