

# Friends & Neighbors



LAKWOOD  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

From Superintendent Scott Peacock to you.

## Lakewood Receives Grant for School Supplies

Earlier this year, our district applied for and received a \$20,000 Community Grant from the Stillaguamish Tribe for 2020-21 to relieve the financial burden of purchasing school supplies on elementary school families.

**Thank you to the Stillaguamish Tribe!**

This is part of a long-term priority to establish educational equity for all families. We began this focus last year when we removed all class fees for our secondary students. We are extending relief by substantially reducing the school supplies that we ask elementary families to provide.

Since receiving the grant, a group of administrators and staff standardized necessary supplies across the district by grade level. Most supplies will now be provided by the district. Parents have a much shorter list of school supplies that they are being asked to buy. In first grade, for example, the number of supplies parents are being asked to purchase dropped from 21 to three items.

We want to thank the Stillaguamish Tribe for their incredible contribution and ongoing investment in our district. We will continue to work collaboratively with our community partners to find ways to support families. It is our commitment to provide the best experience for each student we serve and ensure a free, quality education.

## Graduation and Community



School districts across the country had to be creative, as we recognized our seniors during the pandemic.

On June 11th, Lakewood High School filmed a “drive-up” graduation. Seniors drove up to the ceremony, following speeches, and received their diplomas, while being filmed and photographed. Family members watched from their cars as other friends and family watched via Facebook Live. A community parade, organized by senior parents, followed the filming and capped off the day beautifully. The final graduation video aired at 7 p.m. on June 19th.



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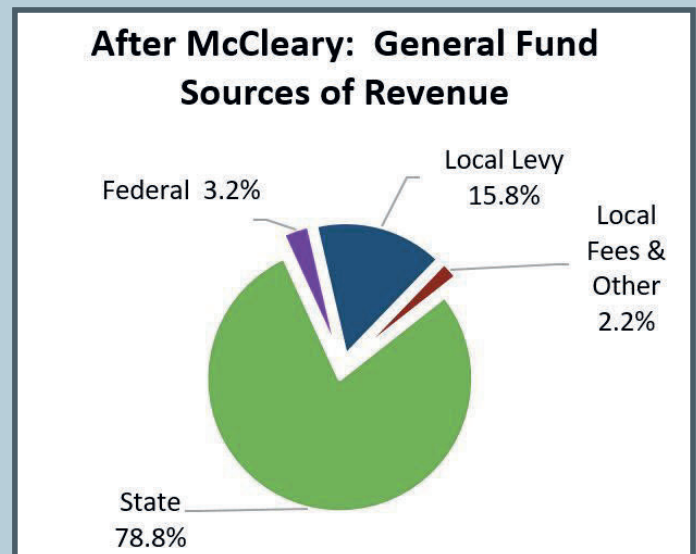
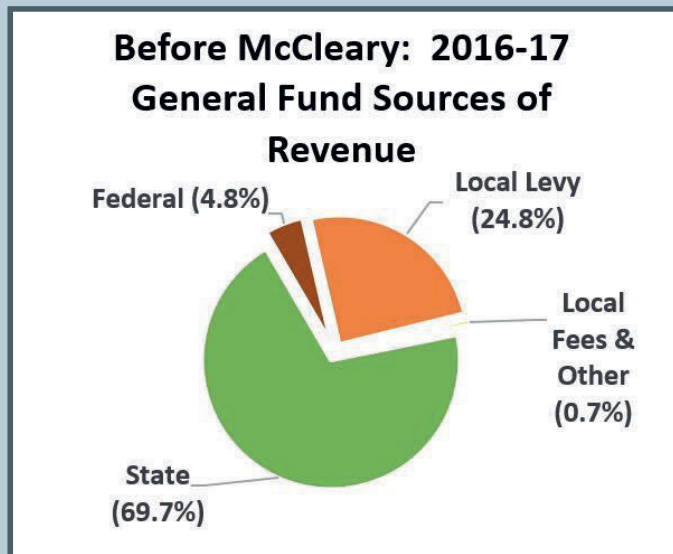
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# SCHOOL FUNDING PRIMER

## Didn't the "McCleary fix" fully fund schools?

**No.** Washington state does not fully fund public schools, even after McCleary. Though state funding increased in 2018, it does not cover the actual costs of operating Washington state schools, including Lakewood. Local funding decreased from 24.8% of our operating budget in 2016-17 to 15.8% of our operations in 2020-21. Local funding remains an essential part of our operating budget.

Below is a comparison of pre-McCleary funding and post-McCleary funding:



State funding for public schools is likely to be cut substantially over the next two years, as the state closes budget shortfalls during the economic downturn created by the pandemic. Local levy funding will continue to be critical to our district's financial health.

## Chat with the Superintendent

Chat with the Superintendent: Join Scott Peacock to learn more about fall school re-opening, the levy, and other important topics on Wednesday evenings July 22nd and August 11th from 6-7 p.m. on Zoom.

Go to [www.lwsd.wednet.edu](http://www.lwsd.wednet.edu) or watch our district Facebook page for the Zoom links.

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