## **Marysville Monarchs**

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## Celebrating Our School Board: January is Board Appreciation Month



January is School Board Recognition Month, a time to reflect on the dedication and hard work of our school board members who play a crucial role in shaping the future of Marysville Schools. Their commitment to our community ensures that our students receive the best possible education.

Bill Keck has served three years on the School Board and for a second consecutive year was selected by his peers to serve as Board of Education President. Bill reflects on his motivation for joining the board: "This school district was very generous to me and helped me raise three very successful kids. I wanted to help in some way. I hope I have been more help than hindrance," Keck shared. He enjoys visiting classrooms and witnessing the dedication and skill of our teachers, calling it "truly amazing."

Along with Bill, the entire board works tirelessly to support Marysville Schools.

Nan Savidge, who has been with the board for 8 years, says, "I wanted to dedicate my time to serving the greater community through promoting educational opportunities for our students." Nan has seen firsthand the growth in opportunities for students, including the expansion of STEM and career pathways.

Richard (Dick) Smith, with 12 years of service, finds joy in seeing the positive impact the district has on students. "Seeing the enthusiasm, creativity and joy of the students motivates me to continue the work of school governance," he said.

Jermaine Ferguson, a newer member with 3 years of service, draws inspiration from his own experiences. He shared, "I am forever indebted to my community and must give back to help mold a stronger and brighter tomorrow for the generations to come." Jermaine is passionate about ensuring our students have access to a high-quality education and extracurricular programs that will prepare them for success.

Matt Keller, who has served for one year, shares his motivation: "I wanted to try and help our school district and community. Seeing good things happen for our staff and students keeps me motivated." His dedication and enthusiasm continue to be a driving force behind his work on the board.

As we celebrate Board Appreciation Month, we thank Bill, Matt, Nan, Dick, Jermaine, and the entire board for their leadership and dedication to our students and the Marysville community. Their hard work makes a lasting impact, and we are grateful for their service.



## **Marysville Schools Embarks on Master Facilities Plan to Address Aging Buildings** and Future Needs

Marysville Schools is taking a significant step toward ensuring that our facilities meet the growing needs of students and staff. As part of our ongoing commitment to providing an optimal learning environment, we are embarking on a comprehensive Master Facilities Plan. This initiative is a communitydriven, transparent process designed to evaluate our current buildings and plan for the future of our district's facilities.

Many of our buildings are aging and require updates to continue supporting the needs of our students and staff. This long-term planning process is designed to address maintenance needs while preparing for the future. The data collected will help prioritize needs and spending, ensuring that our schools are equipped with modern, efficient, and safe facilities to foster learning and growth for years to come.

To facilitate these conversations, the district has partnered with HPM, experts in facility planning, who are helping us navigate this important process. Through a series of community meetings, we aim to keep everyone informed and actively involved in shaping the future of our schools.

A key component of this planning process has been the formation of a Community Task Force, whose contributions have helped assess the needs of our district. The insights, feedback, and dedication of task force members have been essential in helping us understand the current state of our facilities and shape the options being considered for the future.

The district is hosting community meetings to discuss the potential facility improvements. These meetings provide an opportunity to learn about the planning process, ask questions, and share feedback. Join us for a Master Facilities Community Meeting on Tuesday, January 28, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at Creekview Intermediate School.

For those unable to attend, a live stream link will be available on our website before the event.

The input of our community is crucial to this process, and we welcome your participation as we work together to develop solutions that will serve our students and staff for generations to come.

For more information, visit our website.





## **Monarch Market Receives Generous Grant from** Marysville Elks

The Monarch Market has been awarded a \$3,000 Beacon Grant from the Marysville Elks. This generous grant will provide essential perishable and nonperishable items to address food insecurity for Marysville High School students in grades 9-12. The Elks are coordinating the purchase and delivery of items, based on a provided list of needs. Thank you, Elks, for making this opportunity possible!



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