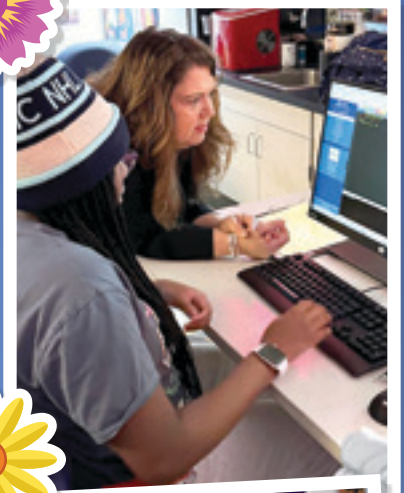
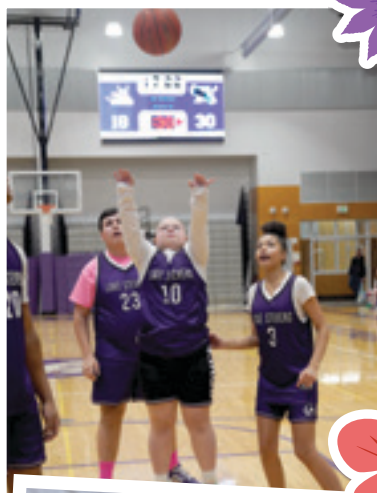


Lake Schools



**SPRING
2025**

Thank you, voters!

► *Bond reaches supermajority, validation (pg. 1)*

School Year 2025-26

► *It's time to register your kindergartner (pg. 5)*



LAKE STEVENS
School District

YOUR SCHOOLS, YOUR BOND

WHAT'S NEXT?

Thanks to our incredible community, our school construction bond was approved in the February election! With 61.71% voter support, this investment in our schools will bring much-needed improvements, new learning spaces, and enhanced safety across the district.

Over the coming months and years, you'll see exciting progress on these projects. Here's what's happening now and what's next:

Building for the future

To ensure projects are completed efficiently and cost-effectively, the district is selecting General Contractor/Construction Managers (GC/CM) for our new and modernized school facility projects. This approach—successfully used in the 2016 bond for Lake Stevens High School—allows the contractor to work closely with architects from the start, helping to shape designs, plan construction phases, and control costs.

Stay involved!

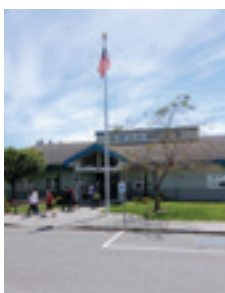
We'll keep our community updated as these projects move forward. You can follow progress on our district website and social media, where we'll share updates, construction photos, and opportunities for community input.

This bond is more than just buildings—it's an investment in the success, safety, and future of our students. Thank you for your support!



Elementary #8 & Glenwood Elementary Modernization and Expansion

- Early design and permitting underway
 - Gathering input from staff, students and facility users
- GC/CM selection this spring
- Construction starts: Spring 2026



Skyline Elementary & Lake Stevens Middle School Modernizations and Expansions

- Early design and permitting underway
 - Gathering input from staff, students and facility users
- GC/CM selection this spring
- Construction starts: Spring 2026



Mt. Pilchuck Site: Secondary Innovative Learning Center, Central Kitchen & New Gym

- Programming in development, then early design & permitting begins
- GC/CM selection this summer
- Construction starts: Fall 2026

PROJECT TIMELINE

START

SUMMER 2025

- New special education spaces at Highland Elementary, Hillcrest Elementary, Mt. Pilchuck Elementary, North Lake Middle School, Cavelero Mid High School – **SUMMER 2026**
- Secure receptions – **SUMMER 2026**
- Secure perimeters – **SUMMER 2030**
- Secure portables – **FALL 2025**

FALL 2025

Athletic improvements at North Lake Middle School, Cavelero Mid High School – **WINTER 25/26**

SPRING 2026

New elementary school #8 – **FALL 2027**

SUMMER 2026

- Gym at Mt. Pilchuck Elementary – **FALL 2027**
- Growth and modernization at Skyline Elementary – **FALL 2027**

FALL 2026

- New district meal production kitchen – **WINTER 27/28**
- Secondary Innovative Learning Center – **WINTER 27/28**

SPRING 2027

- Growth and modernization at Glenwood Elementary – **FALL 2028**
- Athletic improvements, growth and modernization at Lake Stevens Middle School – **FALL 2029**

SUMMER 2027

Gym at Hillcrest Elementary – **FALL 2028**



Safety & Program Improvements: Secure entries, Special Education spaces, Hillcrest Gym

- Early design & permitting underway
 - Gathering input from staff, students and facility users
- GC/CM selection this spring
- Construction starts: Fall 2025



Secure Portables

- Bidding begins this spring
- Construction starts: Summer 2025



Athletic Field Lighting at North Lake Middle School & Cavelero Mid High School

- Design and permitting underway
- Bidding begins late spring
- Construction starts: Fall 2025



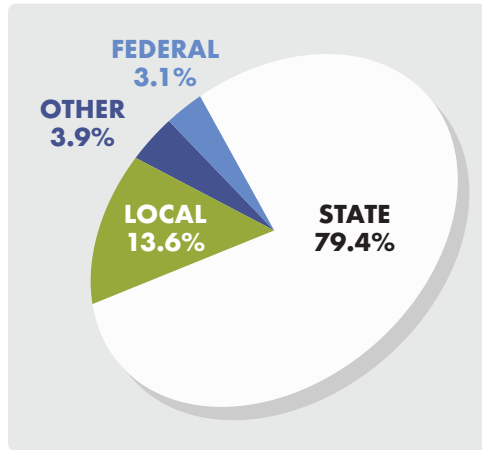
Secure Perimeters

- Early design is in progress
- Bidding and construction timeline are still being determined

How are our schools funded?

Understanding where the money comes from and how it's used

Our schools are the heart of our community, and it's important to know how our school district gets the money it needs to operate, and to help students learn and grow. School districts throughout Washington receive funding through four main sources: the federal government, the state government, local funding measures, and other sources such as grants and fees.



- 79.4%** The state government
- 13.6%** Local funding measures (levies, grants, school meal sales, gifts/donations and fees)
- 3.9%** Other sources such as out-of-district cooperatives, ECEAP and long-term financing
- 3.1%** The federal government

Federal and state funding

The federal government provides financial support for schools that serve students experiencing poverty, and those who require additional resources in order to learn. Federal dollars pay for a portion of programs including Career and Technical Education, Special Education, Multilingual Learners, and Food & Nutrition Services. Additionally, special grants are also occasionally available.

The State of Washington contributes funds based on the prototypical funding model that supports a portion of employee salaries, benefits, educational materials, supplies and operating costs. Extra services are also partially funded through state and federal formulas that account for students who need additional support.

Local funding measures

Local funding is generated through levies and bonds approved by the voters. Both are based upon local property valuations—property owners pay a set amount for each \$1,000 of property value. Once approved, bond and levy amounts cannot increase with property values. When property values increase in a community, the

LEVIES FUND:

Staff

Programs

Student Learning

50%+1 APPROVAL

REQUIRED TO PASS

Levies

In 2022, Lake Stevens voters renewed the district's Educational Programs and Operations Levy (EP&O) and the district's technology levy. Levies are voted on every four years, and support student educational programs and offerings that are not fully funded by the state. These include:

- Student programs
- Teacher pay and for additional teachers above the minimum number set by the state
- Paraeducators who support teaching and learning
- Nurses, librarians and student mental health support specialists
- Special Education services
- Textbooks, curriculum and educator training
- Arts, music and athletics
- Transportation
- Insurance and utilities
- Chromebooks, computers and educational technology
- LSSD Pool

amount paid per \$1,000 decreases. The amount per \$1,000 may also change depending on the number of taxpayers in our community. Senior citizens and low income property owners may apply for an exemption from bond and levy taxes.

Facts about local funding measures

Bonds and levies must be approved by our community. For a bond to pass, it needs 60 percent approval. For a levy to pass, it needs 50 percent approval plus one vote.

- ▶ Bonds and levies are the only taxes that stay in our community to support our students
- ▶ Funding from bonds and levies can only be used for specific things:
 - EP&O levy funding can only be used to bridge the gap for basic education—employee salaries, programs and student supports
 - Bond funding can only be used for real property acquisition, major school repairs and construction projects

Other sources of funding

Revenue is also generated from school meal sales, gifts, donations, fees and interest income. These sources, while smaller, cover gaps not met by primary funding sources.

BONDS FUND:

Construction

Maintenance

Updates

60% APPROVAL

REQUIRED TO PASS

Bonds

Bonds fund significant capital projects like new schools, renovations, and property acquisitions. These projects are determined with the help of our Facilities Needs Advisory Committee—made up of families, students, employees and community members and staff—based on enrollment and city projections, facilities condition assessments, and other data points.

The state does not provide funding for the maintenance and/or rebuilding of our schools, and state construction assistance funds are only available to qualifying school districts after local voters have approved a bond.

Budgeting

Our school district is committed to financial stability, and we are always looking for ways to manage costs effectively. Thanks to our proactive and conservative budgeting approach, we've consistently been able to adjust to changes in funding with minimal impact. These adjustments often result in savings, which allow us to continue prioritizing student learning.

Our cost-saving measures include staffing adjustments through attrition, where positions are not replaced when staff resign or retire. Additionally, we work to reduce overtime expenditures and carefully manage building-level allocations for supplies and materials, ensuring that our resources are focused on what matters most—providing the best learning environment for students.

We believe in transparency and encourage community involvement in the budgeting process. Our budget decisions are presented in open public meetings held by our Board of Directors, providing opportunities for the community to engage and contribute to the future direction of our schools.

Learn more
ABOUT SCHOOL
FUNDING ON
OUR WEBSITE:



www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/funding



SPREADING THE LOVE: Highlights from the "I Love Lake Stevens Schools" campaign

The "I Love Lake Stevens Schools" campaign was a huge success, and we're excited to share some of the best moments with you! From students and staff to community members, animals, and even a surprise appearance by Chris Pratt, this campaign showed just how much love there is for our schools. Check out these heartwarming photos that capture the spirit of our incredible community!





NOW ENROLLING:

Kindergartners for the 2025-26 school year

Kindergarten enrollment for next school year is on now! Enrollment packets are available on the school district website and at all elementary schools and at the Educational Services Center.



Children must be five-years-old by Aug. 31, 2025 to enroll in kindergarten for the 2025-26 school year. When enrolling your child, please bring the completed enrollment packet, an official copy of the child's birth certificate, proof of immunization, and proof of residence in Lake Stevens School District. Enrollment is limited to those students who live within school district boundaries.



SAVE THE DATE

Ready for KINDERGARTEN!

Aug. 18 to 20, 2025

Save the dates! Aug. 18 to 20 is our annual three-day Ready for Kindergarten event at each elementary school. Ready for Kindergarten offers a safe and welcoming introduction to elementary school for families and students, relieving many first-day anxieties (for students and their caregivers!). Children must be enrolled in kindergarten in Lake Stevens School District to participate. More information will be shared later this spring.



Message from Your Superintendent

As we transition into spring, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to our incredible Lake Stevens community. This February, you supported our school construction bond, ensuring that our students will have safe, modern, and well-equipped learning spaces for years to come. Your investment in our schools is an investment in the future of our children, and for that, I sincerely thank you.

I encourage you to stay engaged in the next steps of our bond work. We'll be regularly updating our website, www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/ bond and sharing information in this publication and through our other communication channels. I also want to acknowledge the outpouring of love and appreciation shown during our "I Love Lake Stevens Schools" campaign. Whether through kind words, acts of generosity, or simply showing up for our students and staff, your support reinforces the strong bond between our schools and the community. It is truly inspiring to see how much you care for our students and their success.

Spring is always a time of excitement and transformation in our schools. Our students are deeply engaged in learning, preparing for assessments, and working on meaningful projects. We also have much to celebrate—our seniors are preparing for graduation, younger students are transitioning to new schools, and our staff is hard at work ensuring every child is ready for their next step. This is a season of growth, achievement, and new beginnings.

As we embrace this busy and exciting time, I encourage you to stay involved in our schools. Whether you have a few hours to spare or are looking for a more regular commitment, there are many ways to make a difference in the lives of our students. Please consider volunteering by visiting www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/volunteer. Even a small amount of your time can make a meaningful difference for our students.

Lake Stevens truly is a special place, and I am honored to serve as your superintendent. Thank you for your continued partnership in creating outstanding educational opportunities for every child.



With gratitude,

Dr. Mary Templeton
Superintendent

LAKE STEVENS SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

2024-25

NOW AVAILABLE



LAKE STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL
**GOLDEN
VIKING**



Name: _____ No. _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Golden Viking card offers free admission for senior citizens

Senior citizens are invited to participate in Lake Stevens School District's Golden Viking Program. The program is a partnership opportunity for seniors living in Lake Stevens School District's boundaries to participate in high school athletic events and high school drama productions at no charge.

The Golden Viking Card admits one senior citizen (65 years of age or older) to regular season high school sporting events and drama productions where admission is charged. This does not include playoff games.

Golden Viking applications are available online and at the Educational Services Center, 12309 22nd St NE. You may also call 425-335-1500.

We hope you'll join us by participating in the amazing experiences that our students bring to our community through education and activities.

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IMPORTANT DATES

April 2025

7-11	Spring Break, no school
22	Election Day

May 2025

26	Memorial Day, no school
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June 2025

10	Graduation
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Last days of schools are still being determined

19	Juneteenth, schools and offices closed
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Stay informed about what's happening in our schools!

The free LSSD mobile app provides easy access to news, calendars, notifications and lunch menus. Search "Lake Stevens School District" on the App Store or Google Play.



REGISTER TO VOTE OR UPDATE YOUR REGISTRATION

Are you a registered voter? Have you moved or changed your name? Registering to vote, or updating your registration, is quick and easy! Visit vote.wa.gov to get started. Paper registration forms are available at the Educational Services Center or your neighborhood school.



Eggstravaganza

Sat. April 19
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

- Check in begins at 3:45 p.m. Egg gathering will start at 4:30 p.m.
- \$6.50 at the door or pre-purchase tickets at the pool.
- Tickets go on sale April 5. Limited to the first 120 swimmers.

Candy, games, prizes, and of course... eggs!

Children 7 and younger or wearing a lifejacket must be accompanied in the water by an adult at all times regardless of swimming ability.

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