

New & International Families Welcome Event 2025

Lake Washington School District

Lake Washington Council PTSA
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A Message from Dr. Jon Holmen, LWSD Superintendent



Preparing Students for What?

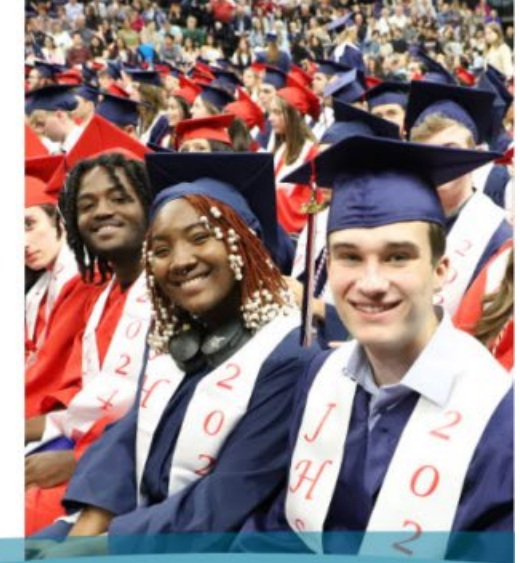
“Thus, the new mission of schools is to prepare students for jobs and ways of life that do not yet exist, using knowledge that has not yet been discovered, creating ideas and solutions for products and problems that have not yet been identified, using technologies that have not yet been invented.”

Preparing Teachers for Deeper Learning
Linda Darling-Hammond, Jeannie Oakes
2021









Lake Washington School District

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

Extraordinary Futures Start Today

Exceptional experiences for each learner.


Commitment 1
Commitment 2
Equitable & Just Systems
Inclusive & Rigorous Learning
Perseverance
Adaptability
Agency
Curiosity
Acceptance
Integrated Sustainability
Operational Excellence
Commitment 3
Commitment 4

LWSD Mission and Vision

Our mission

Each student will graduate prepared to lead a rewarding and responsible life as a contributing member of our community and greater society.

Our vision

Every Student Future Ready:

- Prepared for College
- Prepared for the Global Workplace
- Prepared for Personal Success

About Lake Washington School District



30,605

Students



94.4%

On-time Graduation



4,994

Staff



55

Schools



16,513

Volunteers



LWSD Values Family/Community Participation

- 2-way Communication with your school
- Volunteer consistently and/or periodically (opportunities vary between elementary, middle and high school)
- Participate in school-sponsored events
- Ask questions

2025-26 District Work

- Launch **Strategic Framework**
- Advisory Committees focused on **Budget, Facilities, Inclusionary Education, Sustainability, High School Experience, Mission/Vision** and more





Local Funding

Local School Funding

Construction:
Community passed a $675 Million levy to rebuild four schools and modernize Juanita Field House and Pool.

Educational Programs and Operations:
Levy renewed every four years. Ballot measure on the February 2026 ballot.

School Technology and Capital Projects:
Levy renewed every four years. Ballot measure on the February 2026 ballot.

Welcome to Lake Washington School District!



We are so glad you are here!


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What We Do

Lake Washington Schools Foundation

The **Lake Washington Schools Foundation** (LWSF) is a non-profit organization that has been partnering for **over 20 years** with the Lake Washington School District, PTSAs, and the community to remove barriers, support wellness, enhance learning, and build connections so that **every student** in the Lake Washington School District has the **opportunity to thrive**.









What We Fund

Lake Washington Schools Foundation

In the 2025-2026 school year, we will fund the following programs and initiatives:

- Amazing Reading Challenge
- Back to School Supply Drive
- Battle of the Books
- Care Solace
- Classroom Grants
- Find Your Fit
- Inclusive Libraries
- Kids Coming Together
- LINKS Lunch Buddy Program
- Mental Health Events in Schools
- Mental Health Training for Teens
- Noticias de BSD y LWSD
- Pantry Packs – weekend meals for students
- ParentEd Talks
- Social Emotional Learning for Parents Workshops
- Student Lunch Debt
- Students of Color Conference Scholarships
- Winter Toy Drive

To see how students are benefiting from our work in each school, visit www.lwsf.org/impact-at-your-school

Connect with Us!

Lake Washington Schools Foundation

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Lwsf.org/subscribe

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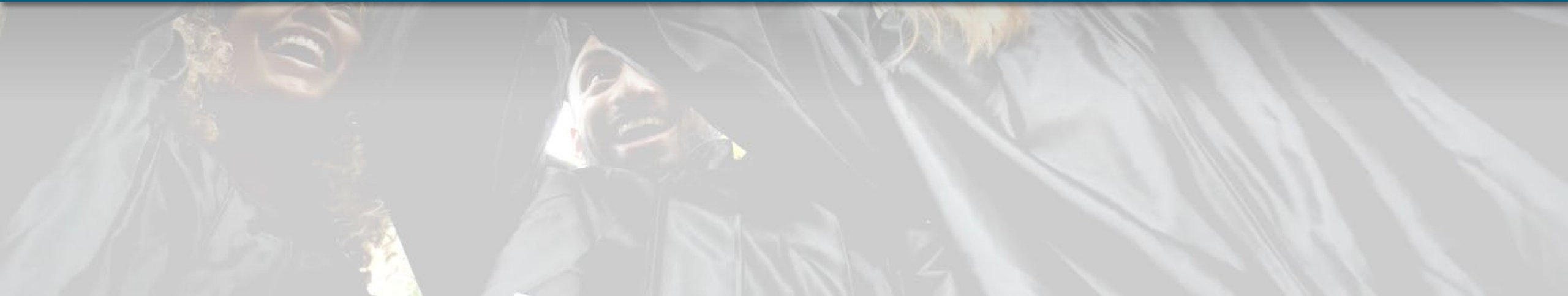
www.lwsf.org

Visit us on social media



Charlotte Plouse, Johnny Phu, Dr. Xandra Peter

Department of Student Excellence and Engagement



Department Priorities

Family Engagement – families as full, equal partners

Community Partnerships– schools can't do it alone

Preparing students to lead rewarding, responsible lives as contributing members of society.

Instructional Practices – equitable, justice-oriented learning

Leadership Team

Director



Johnny Phu

Associate Director



Charlotte Plouse

Associate Director



Dr. Xandra Peter

- Johnny Phu- Compliance (Discipline & HIB) & Mental Health Supports, Organized and Align Department
- Charlotte Plouse- Instructional Systems Integration
- Dr. Xandra Peter- Student, Family, and Community Partnerships

Instructional Systems Integration

Supervise: TOSA, COSA, Coordinator

Family Engagement and Community Outreach Coordinators



Na'eemah Webb



Catherine Cruz

Cultural and Language Liaisons



Isabelly Benites-
Brazilian Portuguese
Speaking Liaison



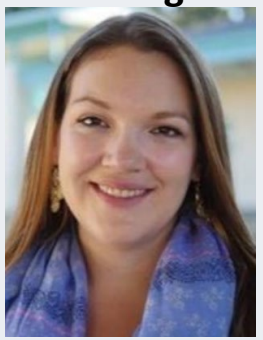
Diana Williams-
Black Cultural Liaison

Student Excellence & Engagement Specialist



Andrea Yee

K-12 Counselor on Special Assignment



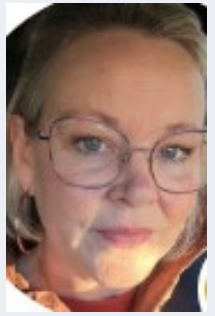
Marina Ruiz Tourniaire

Equity Specialist



Damaly Soy

High School Counseling Specialist



Lis Christiansen

Program Overview

Family Engagement	• Design and implement family partnership school sites • Development and installation of parent academy • Refine and implement LWSD family engagement framework • Update family engagement policy • Cultural liaison programming
Site Based Equity teams	• Capacity building of equity and family engagement practices • Restorative practices
Comprehensive School Counseling Program	• Enhance support structures of comprehensive counseling program across LWSD • Establish accountability measures
Systemic Social Emotional Learning Programming	• Inventory of programs, practices, and material resources • Integration of Equity and SEL LEAP

Student, Family, and Community Partnerships

Family Support Facilitators



Terri Dayton



Susan Custer

McKinney-Vento & Foster Care Liaison



Blanca Rivas Lefort

School Engagement Specialist



Roxanna Colmenares



Ebonne Hines

Youth Development Facilitators



Sergio Barrera

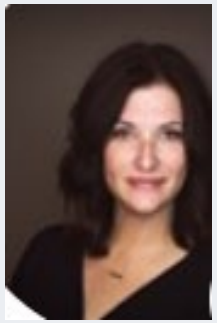


Adanna Abakporo

MKV & FC Liaison Support



Xayna Peter



Cyndi Campbell



Ky Bowers

Programing Overview

McKinney-Vento & Foster Care	• Engagement with Building Points of Contact • Alignment with policy
Attendance	• Engagement with administrators and SESs • Strengthen Community Engagement Boards and Workshops
Family Supports	• Connecting families to vital resources and community partners • Supporting Family Connection Centers
Youth Program Development	• Students to drive existing programs such as the Students of Color Conference, BSU Debutante Ball, and Mustang Buddies • Supporting schools and students through advocacy, amplifying student voice, leadership, and sense of belonging

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Multilingual Learner Program



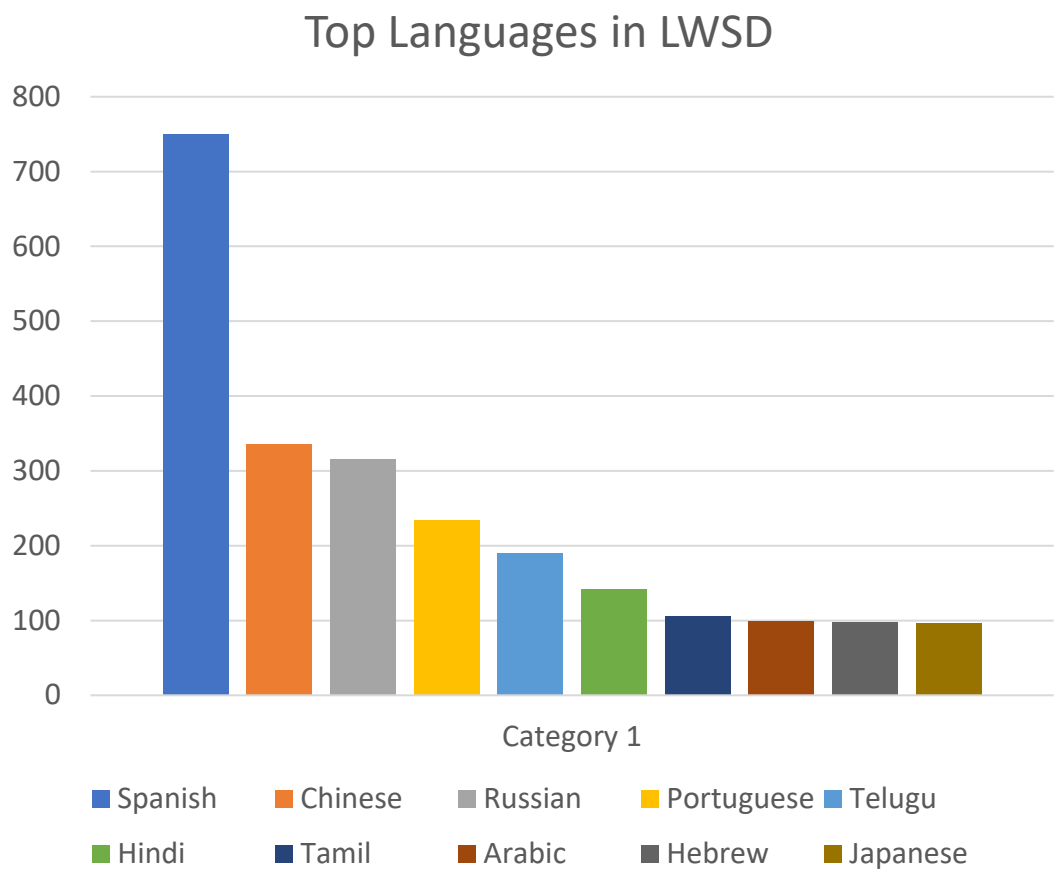
Multilingual Learner Program Mission

Lake Washington School District's Multilingual Learner (ML) program empowers ML students to both participate in classroom curriculum and attain English proficiency through language and academic support from highly-qualified ML teachers.

Our District Team:

- Director
- 2 ML Facilitators
- 2 Administrative Professionals

Multilingual Learner Program Diversity



- 3300+ Students
- 100+ languages
- 80 ML teachers
- Two-way dual language model

Inclusive Education for Multilingual Learners



Our mission is to **empower** multilingual learners to succeed academically while developing language proficiency.



Focus on **inclusionary** practices



Provide **individualized** student support

Support models based on language proficiency levels:

- Collaboration
- Push-in
- Co-teaching
- SpEd Collaboration
- At-Standard



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Language development standards for K-12 Multilingual Learners

Teaching resources and instructional support

Research-based assessments to measure language proficiency

Honoring our communities

- We value your voice and partnership in your student's education.
- Your experiences and perspectives enrich our schools.
- We want to foster a sense of belonging.

