



Bellingham Public Schools

a collective commitment

**Elementary School #15
Community Meeting
February 23rd, 2023**

Elementary School #15»

Vision and Goals



Agenda



Welcome and Introductions

Vision and Goals



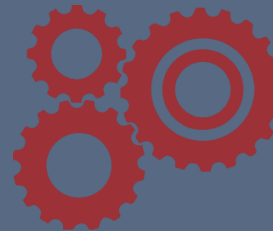
Project Snapshot

Learn about the basics of the ES #15 project.



Site

Project Givens



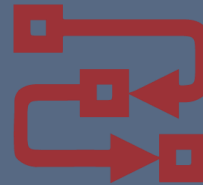
What it Takes

Educational Specifications.



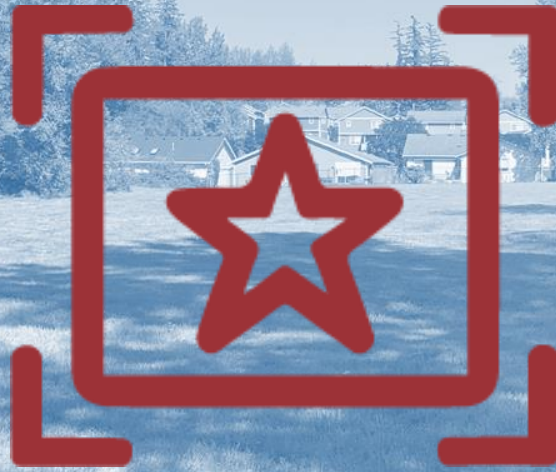
Your Ideas

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Next Steps

What comes next after the Educational Specification process?



Project Snapshot

Learn about the basics of Elementary School #15 and why it is needed.



What students
will likely
occupy the
new school?

**Roosevelt ES
Carl Cozier ES
Columbia ES**

When is the
estimated date for
the new
elementary school
to open?

Fall 2025



How many
students?



Designing for
up to

450

How big will
the school be?



Approximate
square feet

58,000

Estimated
project cost?



\$50 Million

Elementary School #15 Project Givens



- Budget and schedule
- Maintenance / Durability / Longevity
- 2-Story
- Safety and security
- Green building (WSSP) – similar to LEED Silver
- PK-5
- 3 classrooms per grade
- Full size gym w/ wood floor

New Elementary #15 – Site Givens and Parameters



- **Be a good neighbor**
- **Community use**
- **Circulation – bus and parent drop off, connection to neighborhood streets, event parking**
- **Playfield / covered play / garden**
- **Inclusive community playground**

New Elementary #15 – Site Givens and Parameters





Educational Specification Process



the Bellingham Promise

vision

We, as a community, make a collective commitment to Bellingham's children. We will empower every child to discover and develop their passions, contribute to their community, and achieve a fulfilling and productive life.

mission

We collectively commit that our students are cared for and respected, and that they will graduate from our schools prepared for success. All students will be exceptional in their own way, with strong character, a passion for learning, and ready for the widest range of educational and vocational options to support a diversity of life choices.

core beliefs

We believe:

- all children should be loved,
- the whole child is important,
- every child can learn at high levels,
- early learning and development are critical,
- learning is lifelong and essential to a high-quality life,
- compassion and service build community,
- teaching children to do their best involves self-reflection and reaching higher,
- diversity enhances a strong and healthy community, and
- together we achieve more than alone.

outcomes

We develop students and graduates who are...

- readers and writers,
- scientists and mathematicians,
- historians and global thinkers,
- artists and performers,
- artisans and technicians,
- multilingual readers and speakers,
- skilled users of technology and information,
- leaders, collaborators and team players,
- dependable and responsible people,
- confident individuals who continuously challenge themselves,
- respectful and compassionate humans,
- honest and ethical individuals who act with integrity,
- healthy, active individuals,
- critical thinkers and problem solvers,
- effective communicators,
- innovators and creators, and
- well-rounded community members engaged with the broader world.

key strategies

We will accomplish this by focusing on...

Innovation and Flexibility

We support the diverse needs and learning styles of our students by being innovative and flexible. We embrace change and creative thinking and know that this requires a high level of trust and engagement with our community.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

We envision and strive for a more diverse, inclusive and equitable organization. Focus areas include, but are not limited to, race and ethnicity, gender identity and sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, ability, language and culture.

Early Childhood Education

We support students and families from prenatal through graduation. We invest in a strong early childhood program because of its powerful long-term return for our students and community.

Great Teaching with Strong Support

High-quality instruction occurs every day in every classroom, where we establish a safe and engaging learning environment. We support culturally responsive instruction through effective leadership, ongoing staff learning, and a diverse staff reflective of our students.

A One Schoolhouse Approach

Our schools are part of a larger One Schoolhouse, and we focus on taking care of each other. We provide an equitable distribution of resources and services to ensure excellence for all students.

Student, Family, and Community Engagement

We develop partnerships and engage with a wide variety of stakeholders, including families and community partners, to support the success of all students.

creencias fundamentales

Creemos que:

- todos los niños debemos ser amados, importantes,
- todos los niños pueden aprender a altos niveles,
- el desarrollo y aprendizaje tempranos son fundamentales
- el aprendizaje es permanente y esencial para una alta calidad de vida,
- la compasión y el servicio crean comunidad,
- Enseñar a los niños a hacer lo mejor consiste en auto-reflexión y lugar más lejos,
- La diversidad construye una comunidad fuerte y resiliente, y juntos logramos más que por sí solos.

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La Promesa de Bellingham

visión

Nosotros, como comunidad, hacemos un compromiso colectivo para los niños de Bellingham. Vamos a capacitar a todos los niños a descubrir y desarrollar sus pasiones, a contribuir a la comunidad, y a lograr una vida plena y productiva.

misión

Nos comprometemos colectivamente a que nuestros estudiantes sean se gradúan de nuestras escuelas en su manera propia, con carácter fuerte, pasión por el aprendizaje, y listos para la más amplia gama de opciones vocacionales y profesionales que apoyen una diversidad de elecciones en la vida.

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resultados

Desarrollamos estudiantes y graduados que son:

- lectores y escritores,
- científicos y matemáticos,
- historiadores y pensadores globales,
- artistas e intérpretes,
- artesanos y técnicos,
- lectores y hablantes multilingües,
- usuarios hábiles de información y tecnología,
- líderes, colaboradores y jugadores de equipo,
- personas responsables y confiables,
- individuos continuamente, creativos y hábiles que nos retan
- seres humanos respetuosos y compasivos,
- individuos honestos y éticos que actúan con integridad,
- individuos saludables y activos,
- solucionadores de problemas, comunicadores efectivos, innovadores y creadores,
- miembros de la comunidad bien formados y comprometidos en un mundo más amplio.

las estrategias claves

al enfocarnos en:

Equidad, diversidad e inclusión

Visualizamos y nos esforzamos por una organización más diversa, inclusiva y equitativa. Las áreas de enfoque incluyen, pero no se limitan a, la raza y etnicidad, identidad de género y orientación sexual, estatus socioeconómico, capacidad, idioma y cultura.

Innovación y Flexibilidad

Apoyamos las diversas necesidades y estilos de aprendizaje de nuestros estudiantes creando entornos e ideas creativas y sabemos que esto requiere un alto nivel de confianza y colaboración con nuestra comunidad.

Buena enseñanza y un fuerte apoyo

Excelencia de alta calidad ocurre en todos los días, todos los días, desde establecemos un ambiente de aprendizaje seguro y participativo. Apoyamos la educación temprana a través de programas de desarrollo profesional y personal continuo que refleja a nuestros estudiantes.

Educación en la niñez temprana

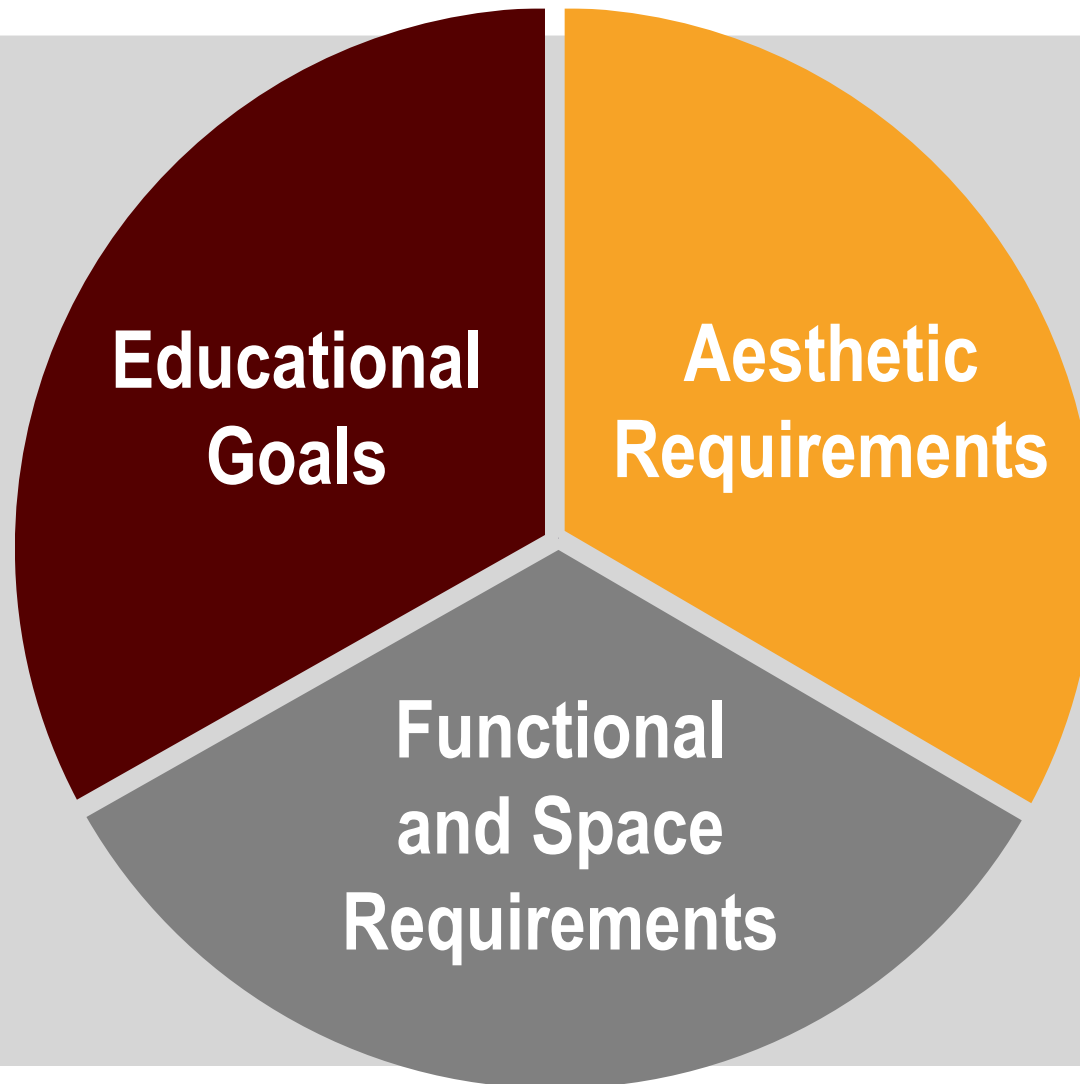
Apoyamos a los estudiantes y familias desde la prenatal hasta graduación. Invertimos en un programa fuerte de educación temprana debido al beneficio de gran alcance a largo plazo para nuestros estudiantes y la comunidad.

CONOCIMIENTO

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What is the goal of the Ed Spec process?



Education Specification Schedule



Bellingham Public Schools
Elementary School #15 Education Specifications

Meeting #1

October 27th, 2022, 3:00-5:00PM @ Cordata Elementary School

- Introduction to Education Specification
- Small Group Activities:
 - Wishes and Wonders
 - What are the Top 5 Characteristics of the Building and the Site
 - Learning in Action

Meeting #2

November 10th, 2022, 3:00-5:00PM @ Alderwood Elementary School and Sunnyland Elementary School

- School Tours:
 - Alderwood Elementary School
 - Sunnyland Elementary School

Meeting #3

December 15th, 2022, 3:00-5:00PM @ Happy Valley Elementary School

- Welcome and share back from School Tours
- Emerging Themes
- Design Goals and Keys to Design
- Introduction to Numeric Programming

Meeting #4

January 19th, 2022, 3:00-5:00PM @ Park View Elementary School

- Narrative Program
- Small Group Session: Site Charette

Meeting #5

February 2nd, 2022, 3:00-5:00PM @ Birchwood Elementary School

- Detailed Space Requirements
- Site Layout Review

Meeting #6

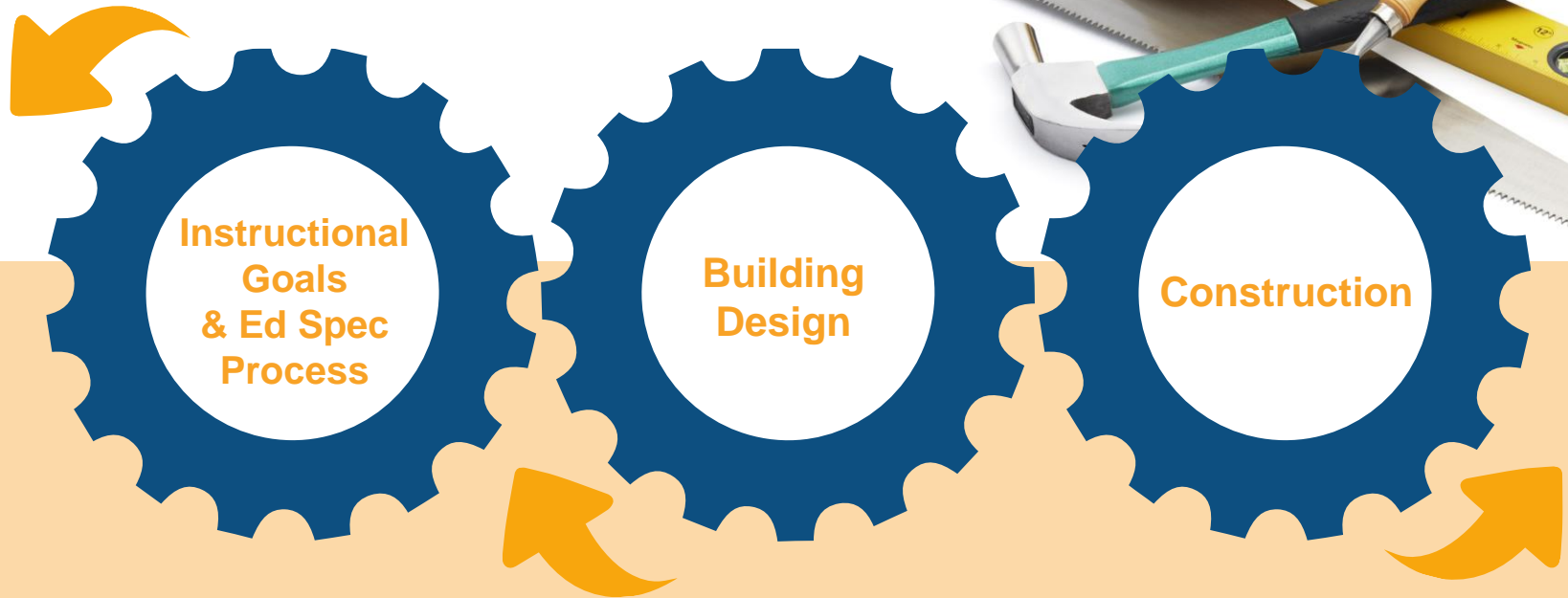
March 2nd, 2022, 3:00-5:00PM @ District Office

- Final Design Goals
- Site Plan

What does it take to build a school?



Instruction drives construction.





Your Ideas

Initial Thoughts

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HOW should the new school reflect who you are as a neighborhood/community?

What are the **Characteristics** you envision?

- Entry
- Materials
- Scale
- Site



Use post-it notes on your table to capture the Characteristics.



Turn to your neighbors and take 5 minute to share your Characteristics with your table group.





Wishes and Wonders (part 1)

What are your hopes and dreams for this school? If you had **wishes** what would it be?



Turn to your neighbors and take **5 minutes** to share your wishes with your table group.



Use post-it notes on your table to capture the **big idea** for each of your wishes.





Wishes and Wonders (part 2)

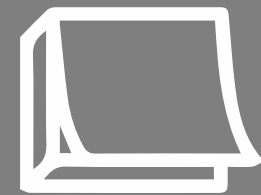
As we embark on this project, what do you **wonder** about?



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Next Steps
Q & A
Thank you!