

Lake Schools



**SPRING
2025-26**

- ▶ *Bond projects: From planning to construction, visible progress across the district*
- ▶ *Girls wrestling: A first-ever 4A State Championship and a season to remember*
- ▶ *PLCs: Professional growth and teamwork focused on improving outcomes for every student*



LAKE STEVENS
School District

Your School Construction Bond Dollars at Work

Exciting progress continues across the Lake Stevens School District as our voter-approved School Construction Bond projects move from planning to reality. These investments are creating safe, welcoming, and future-ready learning environments designed to serve students and our growing community.

ES8: View looking East - arrival / parent drop-off



Elementary School #8: From Vision to Construction

In February, we welcomed students, staff, families, and community members to an Open House to explore renderings and learn more about Elementary School #8 (ES8). Thank you to everyone who attended and shared feedback. At the end of March, we proudly celebrated the official groundbreaking for ES8— an exciting milestone for our district.

Construction begins this month, marking the start of work on our newest elementary school. As the project gets underway, we'll continue sharing updates—along with answers to common questions we hear from families and community members.

Once the new elementary school is finished, it will temporarily serve as the home for Glenwood students and staff while Glenwood is modernized. After that transition, a school board-appointed boundary committee will review and recommend updates to elementary attendance boundaries across the district to ensure balanced enrollment. Elementary School #8 (to be renamed later through a separate school naming process) is anticipated to open as a newly-boundaried school sometime after the 2027-28 school year.

ES8: Main entry / community plaza



ES8: Overall view looking northwest



ES8 FAST FACTS

Why here?

- ▶ Located in the northwest part of the district, where most projected growth is occurring
- ▶ Built on district-owned property across from Stevens Creek
- ▶ Uses existing infrastructure (roads, sewer, utilities) to reduce costs

Traffic and neighborhood planning

- ▶ Start and dismissal times will be staggered for Stevens Creek, ES8, and the Early Learning Center
- ▶ Ongoing coordination with city and state leaders to minimize traffic impacts

Why elementary first?

- ▶ More than 800 elementary students are currently learning in temporary classrooms
- ▶ Elementary capacity is the district's most immediate need

What about middle schools?

- ▶ Lake Stevens Middle School will be modernized and expanded as part of this bond campaign, creating greater student capacity
- ▶ We will explore a future modernization of North Lake Middle School once state-funding becomes available for this school

District boundaries

- ▶ School district boundaries do not follow city lines
- ▶ LSSD serves families in Lake Stevens, Granite Falls, Marysville, Snohomish, and unincorporated Snohomish County
- ▶ Some Marysville residents live within LSSD boundaries and pay property taxes to the district

ES8: View looking West - outdoor learning / bus drop-off





Safety Upgrades: Secure Portables and Reception Areas

We've completed secure portable upgrades districtwide, strengthening access control and adding another layer of safety for students and staff.

Design work for secure main office reception areas and Special Education classroom improvements is complete. Construction on these projects will begin this June after school dismisses.



Lighting Our Fields

Field lighting projects at Cavelero Mid High School and North Lake Middle School are now complete! These upgrades expand opportunities for student activities and community use throughout the year; these next-generation lights focus illumination downward, not outward, creating less of an impact for adjacent neighbors.

Lighting and field improvements are also planned as part of the Lake Stevens Middle School modernization and expansion project.



Planning for GLW, SKY, LSMS & SILC

Significant design work is underway across multiple campuses:

- ▶ Skyline Elementary School is currently in the design and permitting phase.
- ▶ Lake Stevens Middle School (LSMS) is in project planning and design development.
- ▶ The Secondary Innovative Learning Center (SILC) is also in project planning and design development.
- ▶ Schematic design for Glenwood Elementary School is expected to be complete by May.

Because Skyline and LSMS share a site, thoughtful planning is essential as we consider traffic flow, safety, and the best use of shared spaces. We will continue providing updates as timelines are finalized and projects advance.



More Gym Space for Growing Programs

Construction of Hillcrest Elementary School's new gym begins this month. Site fencing is being installed to create a safe separation between construction zones and school activities.

Hillcrest's project is the first of six new gyms funded by the bond. Additional gym projects include:

- ▶ A new gym at Mt. Pilchuck Elementary (scheduled to begin in 2027)
- ▶ New gyms at Glenwood and Skyline as part of their new school buildings
- ▶ A new main gym and auxiliary gym at Lake Stevens Middle School as part of its modernization

We are grateful for our community's continued support as these projects move forward. Together, we are building learning environments that reflect our commitment to belonging, growth, and excellence. Stay informed and follow construction updates at:

www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/bond



THANK YOU LAKE STEVENS VOTERS!

Thank you to our community for renewing the Lake Stevens School District's Educational Programs & Operations Levy (56.02%) and Technology Levy (55.95%). Your support secures funding for the next four years and ensures we can continue providing the programs and services our students rely on every day.

The EP&O Levy supports student safety, nurses and mental health professionals, transportation, early learning, athletics and activities, classroom supplies, and the educators and staff who make a difference in students' lives. The Technology Levy sustains our 1:1 student device program, cybersecurity and data protection, infrastructure upgrades, and the training and support that keep learning connected and secure.

We are grateful for your continued investment in our students, staff, and schools. Together, we are building a strong future for Lake Stevens.

Lake Stevens girls wrestling brings home first-ever state title

History was made in Tacoma as our Lake Stevens High School girls wrestling team captured their first-ever 4A State Championship. From the first whistle to the final hand raise, these Vikings showed grit, composure and heart all the way to the top of the podium.

The team were also the WESCO and district champions. Afebia Aemere (170 lbs) placed 6th, and Halle Boyland (115 lbs) placed 7th, helping power an unforgettable championship run.

Congratulations to our Viking wrestlers and coaches on this historic championship. You've made Lake Stevens incredibly proud!



4A STATE CHAMPIONS LAKE STEVENS GIRLS WRESTLING



Vikings dominate winter sports season

Our Lake Stevens High School student-athletes delivered an incredible winter season—earning stat finishes, league titles, and well-deserved individual honors along the way.

Boys Swim & Dive capped off an undefeated season as WESCO and district champions, along with a JV championship. The team finished an impressive 8th in the state. Individual highlights included Sam Lamb (7th, 100 free), Derek Oden (8th, 100 free), Sebastian Erickson (8th, 100 back), and a 4th-place finish in the 200 free relay.

Boys Basketball finished 2nd in WESCO this season. Head Coach Alex Iverson was named WESCO Coach of the Year, and Devin Freeman earned Snohomish County Basketball Officials Association Player of the Year honors.

Girls Basketball dominated WESCO and once again captured the league championship. Head coach Seth Dodge was named Snohomish County Basketball

Officials Association Coach of the Year, and Keira Isabelle Tupua earned WESCO Co-Player of the Year honors. The team made an impressive postseason run, advancing to the quarterfinals in Tacoma.

Boys Wrestling claimed the WESCO Championship and sent 15 wrestlers to the state tournament, finishing 9th overall. Brody Hanson (132 lbs) earned 5th place, and Mikey Lawrence (285 lbs) brought home a 2nd-place finish.

We also celebrated the second successful season of **Unified Basketball**, where students of all abilities competed together as teammates. Unified Basketball continues to build connection, sportsmanship, and school pride.

Congratulations to our athletes, coaches, and families for an outstanding winter season.



Continued learning and collaboration to strengthen student success

Professional Learning Communities in action

When people think about school, they often picture students learning together. But behind the scenes, our educators are learning together, too. In Lake Stevens School District, our schools operate as Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)—a structured, ongoing process where educators collaborate to improve student learning. This isn't a new initiative or a passing trend. It's focused, intentional work rooted in a shared belief: every student can grow, and it's our responsibility to ensure that happens.

What Is a Professional Learning Community?

At its core, a PLC is a commitment by educators to regularly:

- Work together
- Study student learning
- Share strategies
- Try new approaches
- Reflect on results

Rather than working in isolation, educators meet in recurring cycles to ask important questions:

- What do we expect students to learn?
- How will we know if they've learned it?
- What will we do if they need more support?
- How will we extend learning for students who are ready for more?

How it works in our schools

In Lake Stevens, each school is a PLC. Within each school, smaller collaborative teams—called Professional Learning Teams (PLTs)—focus on specific groups of students.

For example:

- A third-grade team might work together to strengthen reading comprehension.
- A middle school math team may analyze assessment data to adjust instruction.
- A high school science department might align lab experiences to ensure consistency across courses.

These teams meet regularly to review student work, identify patterns, and refine instruction. The focus is always the same: improving outcomes for students.

Embedded in Schools Improvement Plans

The work of our PLCs is not separate from school planning—it is embedded directly into each school's School Improvement Plan (SIP). The goals teams establish and the data they review



Top: The Mt. Pilchuck Elementary first-grade team meets with Associate Principal Bethany Anderson to review student work and update learning data during a Professional Learning Team meeting. Collaborative conversations like these help teachers monitor progress and plan next steps to support every student.



Left: Mt. Pilchuck Elementary Principal Malissa Weatherbie reviews student learning data with teacher Savannah Johnson. These regular team discussions help educators reflect on student progress and adjust instruction to support continued growth.

are aligned with measurable priorities identified at the building level.

This creates a clear line of sight from classroom collaboration to schoolwide goals.

In January, principals provided mid-year updates to our Board of Directors, sharing progress, strategies, and areas of focus connected to their SIP. They will return at the end of the school year to report on growth and next steps. This cycle ensures accountability, transparency, and continuous improvement across the district.

Grounded in our Foundation for Excellence

This work also directly supports our Foundation for Excellence (strategic plan), particularly our commitment to Excellence in Teaching and Learning, strengthening Multi-Tiered Systems of Support, and Fostering Continuous Growth for each student and staff member.

PLCs help ensure that:

- Students who need additional support receive it quickly.
- Instruction remains consistent and aligned.
- Teaching strategies evolve based on evidence and results.

What makes a PLC effective?

Strong PLCs share six key characteristics:

- A shared mission, vision, values, and goals
- A collaborative culture
- Collective inquiry (asking and answering the right questions)

- An action-oriented mindset
- A commitment to continuous improvement
- A focus on measurable results

At the start of this school year, teams across the district created shared missions, collective commitments, and common goals to guide their work. That foundation allows them to focus on what matters most—student learning.

“I'm incredibly proud of our staff,” said Superintendent Dr. Mary Templeton. “Across the district, educators are working in PLCs to analyze student learning, share strategies, and continuously refine instruction. PLCs help us make sure every student is seen, supported, and challenged—whether they're mastering foundational skills or stretching into advanced coursework.”

Why it matters

PLCs ensure that improvement is not left to chance. Instead of hoping students succeed, we intentionally design systems that support their success.

- When educators learn together, students benefit.
- When teams share responsibility, no student slips through the cracks.
- When schools stay focused on results, growth becomes the norm, not the exception.

PLCs are one more way we live out our belief that in Lake Stevens, we are Better Together—and that continuous learning applies to all of us.

CLASS OF 2026

Big Plans Ahead!

The future is bright for the Lake Stevens High School Class of 2026! From college commitments and career pathways to military service and other exciting next steps, our seniors are making big decisions and bold moves. We couldn't be more proud of the goals they're setting and the paths they're forging. Follow their journey and see where they're headed next:

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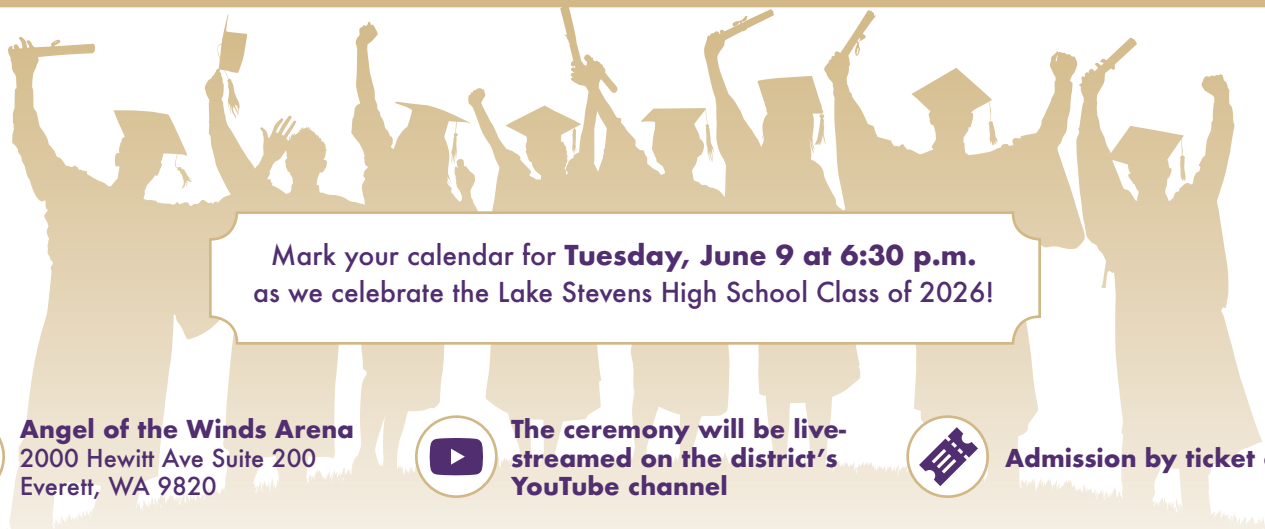


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SAVE THE DATE: GRADUATION 2026



Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m.** as we celebrate the Lake Stevens High School Class of 2026!



Angel of the Winds Arena
2000 Hewitt Ave Suite 200
Everett, WA 9820



The ceremony will be **live-streamed on the district's YouTube channel**



Admission by ticket only

We can't wait to celebrate this incredible group of seniors as they take their next big step.

LAKE STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL

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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.

Message from Your Superintendent

As we step into spring, I am reminded once again how fortunate we are to live in a community that shows up for its schools in meaningful ways. Thank you for your continued support of the Lake Stevens School District and for the recent renewal of our levies. Your investment ensures we can continue providing high-quality learning experiences, student supports, athletics and activities, and so much more for the students we serve each day. We do not take that trust lightly.

This is also an exciting time as we look ahead to the progress made possible through our voter-approved bond. From new learning spaces to safety improvements and long-term facility updates, these projects represent our shared commitment to students today and for generations to come. I invite you to learn more about our bond projects on page 1-2 and follow along as we move from planning to construction.

I also want to congratulate our Lake Stevens High School Girls Wrestling Team on winning the 4A State Championship. Their determination, discipline, and teamwork exemplify the pride and excellence we see across our district. We are incredibly proud of these student-athletes, their coaches, and their families.

Spring is a season of recognition in education, and I would be remiss if I didn't express my appreciation for our exceptional employees and dedicated volunteers. From teachers and paraeducators to bus drivers, custodians, office staff, coaches, substitutes, and community volunteers, our schools run because of the people who care deeply about our students. Their steady commitment makes a difference every single day.

As we head into the final stretch of the school year, there is a sense of energy and accomplishment in our classrooms and on our campuses. We look forward to celebrating the Class of 2026 at Graduation on June 9, a milestone moment for our students and their families, and a powerful reminder of the purpose behind our work.

Thank you for partnering with us. Together, we are building a strong finish to this school year and an even stronger future for Lake Stevens.

With gratitude,



Dr. Mary Templeton
Superintendent



It's time to enroll in kindergarten for next school year

Do you have a future kindergartener at home? Kindergarten enrollment for the 2026-27 school year is on now!

Enrollment packets are available on the district website and paper copies available at every elementary school and at the Educational Service Center.

Children must be five-years-old by Aug. 31, 2026 to enroll in kindergarten for the 2026-27 school year.

When enrolling your child, please bring:

- The completed enrollment packet
- An official copy of your child's birth certificate
- Proof of immunization
- Proof of residence in Lake Stevens School District



Enrollment is limited to students who live within Lake Stevens School District boundaries.



Get Ready for
KINDERGARTEN!

Aug. 17 to 19, 2026

We'll host our annual three-day Ready for Kindergarten event at each elementary school Aug. 17 through 19. Ready for Kindergarten offers a safe and welcoming introduction to elementary school for families and students, helping ease those first-day jitters (for children and caregivers alike!).

Children must be enrolled in kindergarten in Lake Stevens School District to participate.

 **IMPORTANT DATES**

April 2026	
6-10	Spring Break No school
28	Election Day—VOTE!
May 2026	
25	Memorial Day No School
June 2026	
9	LSHS Graduation 6 p.m. Angel of the Winds Arena
11	Last day of school for Early Learning Center*
16	Last day of school 2.5 hour early release*
19	Juneteenth Schools and offices closed

*Subject to change if schools are closed for inclement weather

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