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Special Education Advisory Council

October 21, 2026
ESC Rooms 101/102



Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the original inhabitants of this place, the Sdohobsh people and their successors the Tulalip Tribes, who since time immemorial have taken care of, hunted, fished and gathered on these lands.

We respect their sovereignty, their right to self-determination, and we honor their sacred spiritual connection with the land and water.

By acknowledging these homelands, we commit to working with tribal nations to further the education aims they have identified in our classrooms and schools.

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Purpose

- **The Special Education Department of the Edmonds SD will establish a Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) with members who are dedicated to the improvement of educational programs, policies and procedures for students who experience disability and need specialized educational services.**

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Agenda

- Introductions
- Review the SEAC Guidelines, including the scope and functions
- Overview of the past 4 months
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- Review the areas for focus in 2026-27
- Set date for next meeting and frequency

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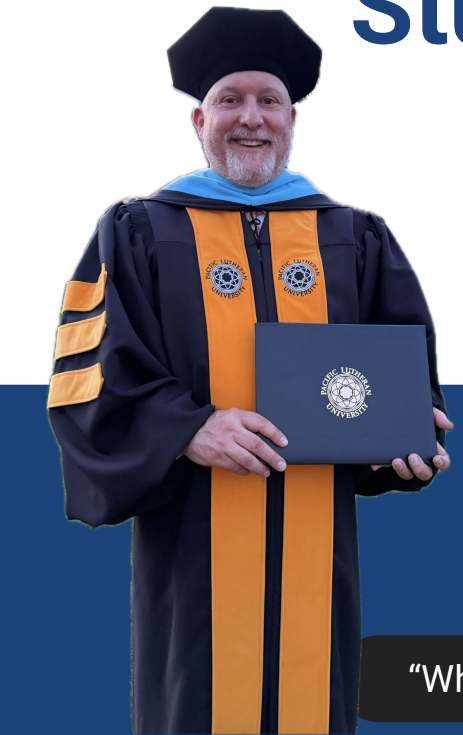
Introduce yourself and role

Please also identify in one sentence what you most want to accomplish as part of the Special Education Advisory Council.

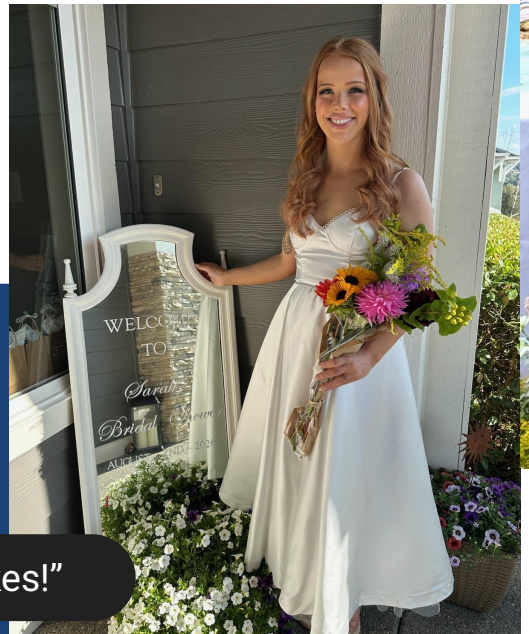
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Dr. Jon Bell

Executive Director, Student Services









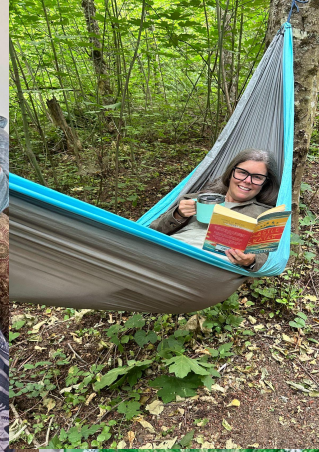
"What a difference a year makes!"

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Heather Brown

Director of Special Education

Who am I?

Mom, teacher, dancer, musician, roller skater, book reader, nature lover, life long learner















Who am I?

Mom, wife, daughter, sister, psychologist, thinker, worrier, planner, social- introvert (we need a vocab word for that)




SCHOOL
psychologist
SONOMA COUNTY
COUNTY OF ORANGE CALIFORNIA
Taryn Reynolds, Program Manager - SE Quad

Who am I?

- Tribal Member
- Hopeless wanderer
- Lifelong learner
- Transplant from California
- Proud member of Raider Nation
- 3rd year doctoral student
- Thoughtful Listener &
  Thought Partner







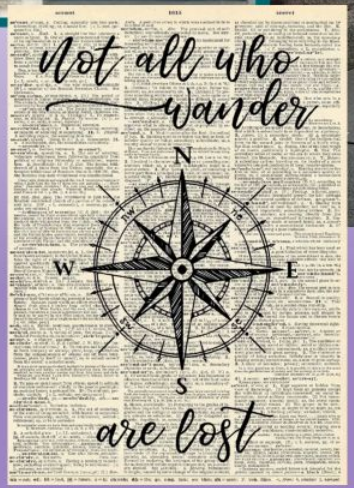
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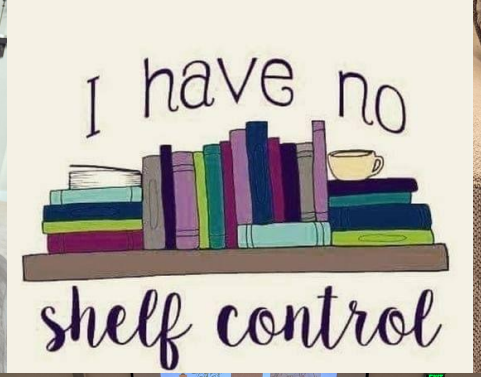
Todd Bittle
Student Services Program Manager, NW Region

Who am I?

Dog-lover, book reader, daughter, sister, teacher, learner, Bachelor franchise watcher, friend, introvert, listener, 3rd year doctoral student





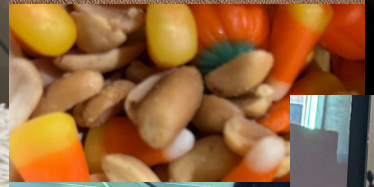

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Contract Schools/ NPA Private Schools DHH Vision Assistive Tech AECC - Child Find/0-3 Contracts Time/Reporting Transportation Safety Net IEPO Reporting/ Compliance Legal Cases Assessment Procedure Manual	OT/PT	BCBA/BI	SLP & Audiology	Psychologists
	Beverly Edmonds Elementary Lynndale Meadowdale Elementary Seaview Spruce Meadowdale Middle Meadowdale High Maplewood K-8 Voice	Cedar Valley Hazelwood Hilltop Lynnwood Martha Lake Oak Heights Alderwood Middle Lynnwood High	Chase Lake Community College Place Sherwood Westgate College Place Middle Edmonds-Woodway HS Scriber Edmonds Heights eLearning	Brier Cedar Way Mountlake Terrace HS Terrace Park School Brier Terrace Middle Mountlake Terrace Elem Madrona K-8 Alderwood Early Childhood Center
	Transition	CPI/I&R	ESY	PreK
	High School and Beyond Post Secondary Outcomes	IEPO - 3 Roll Out	Newsletter Website	WA-AIM/ Testing Accommodations
	Professional Development - SDI and Effective Practices	Professional Development - Inclusionary Practices	Professional Development - Inclusionary Practices	Professional Development - MTSS

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365 days later…

Sped Enrollment October 2025		Sped Enrollment June 2026		Sped Enrollment October 2026*	
PK:	309	PK:	422	PK:	223
K-22:	3185	K-22:	3203	K-22:	3274
Total:	**3494**	Total:	3625	Total:	**3497**

* **IEP Online #'s are based on Active/Eligible students not yet verified**

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SEAC Function

- Why are we here?
  - To inform stakeholders and solicit advisory feedback regarding issues confronting admin, teachers, students, and families of children with disabilities and IEPs.
- What did we accomplish last year?
  - Increased staffing for self-contained, pilot staffing to implement improved inclusion
- What are the MOUs that came out of our inclusion work?
  - Support for Co-Teaching, including co-planning, training, and prep time
  - Special Education Program Design Pilot, allows pilot sites to operate at higher staffing levels and implement different models of instruction and intervention for increased inclusion

Next Steps

Where do we go from here?

- Conflict resolution: offered as a priority by Jon Bell
  - Potential solutions include guidance for parents new to special education
  - Effective IEP Meetings involve better understanding of special education and the IEP process, and foundational communication
- Person Centered Planning/Student Centered IEPs
  - People bringing in templates for PCP meetings
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- 90-Minute Meetings every month
- Other topics…

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