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Darrington School District Budget Newsletter

January 2020

Supplemental Levy ★ February 11th ★

On February 11th, voters in Darrington School District will be asked to consider a ballot measure for a supplemental Educational Programs and Operation levy. This levy will run concurrently with the existing levy that expires in 2022.

Why are we running a supplemental levy?

The original "McCleary Fix" significantly reduced our local levy capacity. To address the loss of revenue, the legislature subsequently increased the levy lid and allocated temporary "hold harmless" funding. The hold harmless funding expires at the end of the 2019-20 school year and a new levy is needed in order to access the revenue required to sustain our operations at the current level.

Supplemental Levy Tax Calculator:

Property value ____ / \$1,000 = X \$1.50 =
\$ ____

Example: $\$200,000 / \$1,000 = 200 \times \$1.50 = \300.00

\$1.50 per \$1,000 is the estimated rate

Enrollment Watch

Enrollment	2018-19	2019-20
Budget	387	398
Actual*	405	416

*Apportionment funding is based on our annual average FTE (AAFTE). This table shows AAFTE for 18-19 and YTD AAFTE for 19-20.

DR. BUCK MARSH, SUPERINTENDENT



Dear Logger Community,

It's a great time to be a member of the Darrington Community, and a great time to be a Logger. Our students are making great strides in all areas. Our award-winning preschool continues to prepare students for continued academic success. Our elementary and middle school, both schools of distinction, provide students with a world-class education as well as enrichment activities such as archery, robotics, music, art and more. Our high school students participate in inter-scholastic sports as well as leadership, pep band, computer programming, AP and College in the

High School classes, CTE classes and a host of other programs to prepare them to be productive, life-long learners.

Thank you staff, families and community members for your dedication to our schools and the students they serve. Your support allows our students to learn every day. Darrington School District will run a 2-year Supplemental Levy on February 11. This levy will run concurrently with the existing levy that expires in 2022.

The education funding model proposed by the state legislature ("McCleary Fix") significantly reduced local levy capacity. Following this, the state removed temporary "hold harmless" funding allocated to make up this deficit for districts. The legislature then increased the levy lid. As a result, districts across the state, including Darrington, have been forced to ask voters for a supplemental levy to address this change in state funding models.

Levy funding enriches the lives of children, keeps students engaged, gives our students opportunities, and makes our community a better place. Levies fund sports, music, art, field trips and travel, and extracurricular activities, as well as new textbooks, computers and school supplies. These funds are critical to maintaining quality education for all in Darrington.

Change brings uncertainty. The changes enacted by the state regarding education funding have forced districts to change course, trying the patience of schools and voters alike. We ask you to carefully consider this proposal, to attend one of our information sessions and to contact us for more information. More on the upcoming supplemental levy is included in this LOG. Darrington School District: a small school and community united to inspire student success.

Sincerely,

Dr. Buck Marsh, Superintendent

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Questions or Concerns

If you have questions or concerns about anything going on at the schools, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Please do not wait with your concerns. The earlier we communicate, the earlier a solution can be worked on to meet the needs of your child.

**Darrington School
District Board
of Directors**

The Board of Directors
meet at 6:30 PM, the
4th Tuesday of each
month in the
elementary library



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Calendar of upcoming events.....

Feb. 6th Sno-Isle Tech's Open House @ Sno-Isle

Feb. 8th Wrestling Sub Regionals at Concrete

Feb 8th Varsity Basketball at Home
(Senior Night)

Feb. 8th-18th High School Basketball Bi-
District Games

Feb. 11th High School Basketball at LaConner

Feb. 12th 1st-5th grade Spelling Bee at 12PM

Feb. 14th Early Release—Professional Dev.

Feb. 15th Wrestling Regionals at Kalama

Feb. 17th No School -Presidents Day

Feb. 18th Middle School Girls Basketball
game at Home

Feb. 19th Middle School Wrestling at Con-
crete

Feb. 21st-22 Wrestling State at Tacoma Dome

Feb. 23rd-24th High School Basketball

Regionals

Feb. 26th Middle School Wrestling at
LaBaker/LaVenture

Feb. 27th Middle School Girls Basketball in
Concrete

Feb. 28th RAD Assembly K-5 at 2PM

Feb. 28th High School Basketball State in
Spokane

March 11th-12th Early Release—Conferences

March 13th Early Release

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

Teachers, Para educators, food service,
custodial, grounds, route and substitute
bus drivers, and inclement weather
assistance.

**Please call *Maxine Frable* at
360.436.1323 for more information.**

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TRACY FRANKE, Elementary Principal and Director of Title I

The first semester of the 2019-2020 was packed with many learning experiences for our students. These experiences include field trips to the Nutcracker, science museum, Tulalip Hibulb Center and outdoor education programs. The students, more than the staff, have been enjoying our winter weather. Thanks to the support from our GPI volunteers, students have still been working in the greenhouse and snowshoeing around the school property. Archery continues to be taught to our 4th graders with the support of Mrs. Wiersma, Kurt Helling and volunteers.



Collaboration with community organizations continues to provide a well-rounded educational experience for our students. Glacier Peak Institute (GPI) continues to support outdoor learning classrooms from preschool through middle school grades. In addition, the 3rd – 5th grade students and teachers continue to learn about our watershed through collaboration with the Stillaguamish Tribe. Both classroom lessons and field experiences continue to make these programs a strong and engaging educational experience. The Early Childhood Consortium collaborates every month to improve early childhood education in our community. Sauk-Suiattle Education Department, Kids Place Early Learning Center, Sno-Isle Library and the school district strive to improve enriched learning environments for all of our children and provide teachers a supportive environment to improve their teaching practices.

At Darrington Elementary we are continuing to recognize students in grades K-8 on a monthly basis. For students in K-5, we still have our RAD (Recognizing Achievement in Darrington) Awards. For our middle school students, we hold Monday Morning Meetings every week, and during the first Monday of the month we recognize middle school students for their positive contributions to our school. Along with these monthly awards, students are individually recognized throughout the day with 'Tootles'. Tootles are the opposite of tattling and besides the Tootle, students are given raffle tickets to place in their class jar. Each week tickets are drawn and students are publicly recognized for their positive behavior and meeting behavior expectations. Classes are also recognized with a Popcorn Party after they have earned PAX (peaceful, productive, happy, healthy) Minutes. These minutes (points) are earned during designated times throughout a day. The class only earns these minutes if the class is meeting PAX expectations.

Family Involvement is a key component to our school success. Research has proven that involved families increase the academic success of children. We are collaborating again this year with the North Counties Family Services, Kids Place Early Learning Center and the Sno-Isle Library to provide a variety of family activities. Please keep an eye out for flyers for our upcoming Family Engagement Nights.

We know with community and family involvement, our students achieve great things, but we need your help. Darrington Elementary has a need for community and family volunteers. There are many areas available to share your talents and/or hobbies. From listening to students read, helping with art projects or going on nature walks. The times available to volunteer are flexible. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the elementary office at 360-436-1313 for more information. To provide a safe environment, we must require background checks on all adults interacting with students. Please make sure to complete the Washington State Patrol Background Check at least five (5) days prior to volunteering at the school. Again, this procedure is not to hinder family or community members from volunteering and being an active member in our school, but to ensure the safety of all of our children. Thank you for understanding. Again, if you would like to volunteer in a classroom, or offer your support in a specific area, please contact the elementary office at 360-436-1313.

Tracy Franke

Elementary School Principal



Glacier Peak Institute (GPI) is a local organization based out of Darrington. We offer outdoor environmental and educational opportunities for youth with the intention of empowering our youth and building strong communities and ecosystems.

We are currently assisting on multiple in-school activities at The Darrington Schools. We host bi-weekly lessons with classes in the greenhouse where students have the opportunity to learn through hands-on educational experiences. Over the past two months, the students have explored and discussed different composting methods and decomposers; they even observed live worms! In the greenhouse, the youth recently learned about the seed life cycle and had the opportunity to germinate seeds. The students have also been utilizing their different senses and recording observations made about different plants. Over the next month, we will begin to prepare for our Spring Plant Sale where the students will partake in the planting and caring for different edible plants, while also learning how to run a plant sale. Last week, we worked to assemble a fish tank in the school where we placed 250 Cutthroat Trout eggs. The students will have the opportunity to observe the Trout as they progress from an egg to a juvenile!

In addition, GPI hosts after school activities that take place on Wednesday afternoons, on early release days and on no-school days. This past month we have gone snowshoeing and learned about surface area, weight displacement and the history of snowshoeing. We also participated in a tour of the Whitehorse Hatchery, where the students learned about and assisted in the spawning of Steelhead. We have recently gone on a few hikes throughout the Darrington area where the youth learned various wilderness and first aid skills such as compass navigation, safety while hiking, and how to create a splint! A few weeks ago, we hosted an Eagle Float down the Skagit River where we spotted 21 eagles with the youth.

Over the next few weeks, we will be teaching the youth about tree tapping and the age of a tree as it relates to their rings, replanting native species in areas around Darrington and creating our own batteries from dirt and other household items.

Please reach out to info@glacierpeakinstitute.org if a youth is interested in participating in any of our after school programs, or if there is interest in volunteering with GPI! You can also refer to our website glacierpeakinstitute.org for more information.

Kim

Snowshoeing with GPI



Forest Friday



Hibulb Cultural Center





High School Loggers Fall Sports



MRS. CINDY CHRISTOFERSON, High School Principal and Director of Special Education

The 2019-2020 school year has gotten off to an amazing start; it is hard to believe that it is halfway over!

We added some new classes to the master schedule this year including: Forensics, Financial Algebra (1st semester), and Media Literacy (2nd semester). With support from the Sauk Suiattle tribe, we were also able to add Lushootseed (Sauk Suiattle's native language) to our schedule 1st semester and are hoping to bring it back for the 2020-2021 school year.

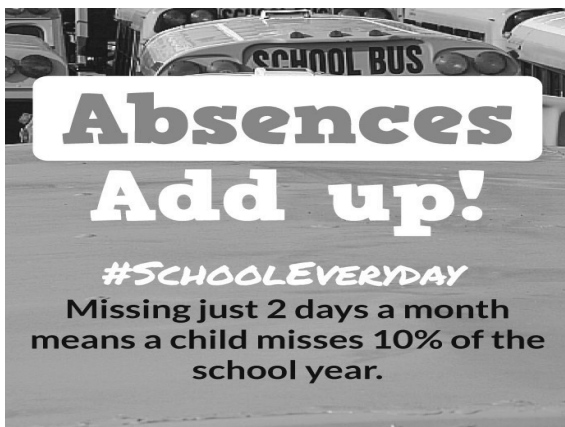


We have a new online platform offering our students the opportunity to access classes that we are not able to offer in our master schedule. These include Psychology, Sociology, two foreign languages, and Technology, to name only a few. This platform will also allow students the opportunity to complete credit retrieval on those classes that they have failed. There are four students who head to the Skills Center early each morning; they participate in the Criminal Justice, Diesel Mechanics, and Dental Assisting programs. We also have several students who are working hard at earning college credit through our College-in-the-High-School courses and Running Start through Everett Community College.

Our staff is focused on improving the academic skills of our students at Darrington High School in order to get each and every one of our kids college-and-career ready by the time they graduate high school. We could use your help in ensuring that students are attending classes on a regular basis. Absences have been proven over and over again to have a significantly negative impact on their ability to be successful in school. If your student will be absent, please call the office at 360-436-1140.

We added a few new staff to the high school this year. A big Darrington welcome goes out to Jessie Friddle who is the new secretary and Greg Gorham is our new math teacher and junior class advisor. We are so happy to have you on our staff! We were also able to add some new math curriculum in the form of new books and teaching materials—I have heard nothing but positive comments from students about this new curriculum!

Our sporting teams have been a great pleasure to watch! If you haven't been able to come out and watch a game/match or two, please come join us and the cheerleaders to applaud the hard work these kids put into playing football, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, baseball, and softball. **GO LOGGERS!!!**



Darrington School District's Policy on tobacco use prohibits the use of tobacco on school property at all times.

Any use of tobacco products and delivery devices is prohibited on all school district property, including all district buildings, grounds and district-owned vehicles, and within five hundred feet of schools.

Possession by or distribution of tobacco products to minors is prohibited.

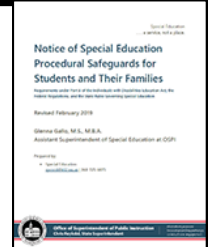
Full policy 4215 is available at darringtonschools.org website

The following notices are available on the OPSI website <http://www.k12.wa.us/>

Procedural Safeguards <http://www.k12.wa.us/SpecialEd/Families/Rights.aspx>

FERPA <http://www.k12.wa.us/DataAdmin/DataSharing/default.aspx>

Section 504 and Students with Disabilities: <http://www.k12.wa.us/Equity/Section504.aspx>



By proclamation of the governor, January is School Board Recognition Month. It's a great time to recognize our elected community members who selflessly give their time and energy in support of high-quality public schooling for our youth. School board members in Darrington are entrusted by this community with responsibility for the students, employees, facilities, property and budget of our district, uniting our community to inspire student success.

School boards are charged with making decisions that can sometimes be quite difficult, or require sifting through a great deal of information. They also bear responsibility for developing a vision that will guide the school district for years to come. Through collaboration as a team, and with school district staff, their governance and advocacy are building the future of education in Washington state.

Our Darrington School Board members (with years of service) are:

Dave Holmer, Chair—3 years

Marree Perrault, Vice-Chair—2 years

Sheila Sisney, Legislative Representative—3 years

Jennie Requa, Director—3 years

Larry Boyd, Director—1 year

This January we are encouraging our community to thank a school board member. The time that they volunteer plays a critical civic role that helps form the bedrock of our democracy—public education. Their leadership helps us realize the hopes and dreams we have for the children in Darrington. Please visit <https://www.darringtonschools.org/school-board-members> for more information about the Darrington School Board.



Darrington School Board Members with Student Of The Month—Amanda Brown.

Darrington School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

The following employee(s) has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Dr. Buck Marsh, Superintendent, Title IX and Civil Rights Coordinator, bmarsh@dsd.k12.wa.us (360) 436-1323 and Cindy Christoferson, High School Principal, Special Education Director and Section 504 Compliance Coordinator, cchristoferson@dsd.k12.wa.us (360) 436-1140, PO Box 27 Darrington WA 98241



Middle School Teachers during spirit week.

A reminder from nurse Kathy in the Health Room

Please remember, if your child has a temperature of 100 degrees or higher within the last 24 hours, you should not send them to school. Your child needs to be fever free without medication for at least 24 hours to return to school.

Diarrhea can indicate a viral infection. Please do not send your child to school with diarrhea. A child that has been vomiting within the last 24 hours should not be sent to school. Rashes can be contagious and should be assessed by your child's doctor. Pinkeye is highly contagious and can spread quickly and easily. Your child should not come to school with symptoms indicative of Pinkeye or other contagious infections.

Trust your instincts. If your child seems lethargic and just not themselves or has any of the symptoms listed above, keep them home and monitor them and take them to their doctor if necessary. Thank you for helping to keep all of our kids safe and healthy.

Kathy Ecker, RN
School Nurse
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Darrington School District Supplemental Educational Programs and Operation Levy

Q: What is a Supplemental Educational Programs and Operation Levy?

A local property tax collected to cover the costs associated with education programming and day-to-day operations not fully covered by the state or federal government.

Q: How are levy funds used by school districts?

Levy funds are used to cover costs associated with lower class sizes, field trips, school supplies, high-quality professional development for staff, the day-to-day maintenance of our facilities, and a variety of educational programs such as music, world language, physical education, athletics and other extra-curricular activities

Q: Is this a new levy?

Yes. This levy will run concurrently with the existing levy. Both will expire at the end of 2022.

Q: How much of the annual operating budget does the state provide?

The state provides approximately 77% of Darrington School District's annual operating budget

Q: What is the total levy amount being proposed?

The Darrington School District's proposed levy is \$790,000 in 2021 and \$860,000 in 2022.

Q: If passed, when will the Darrington School District begin receiving funds?

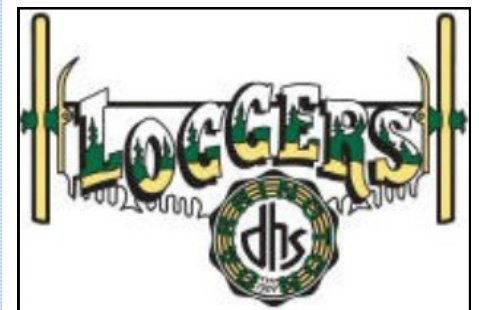
The district's first collection would be in the spring of 2021.

Q: What is the anticipated levy tax rate?

The levy rate for the supplemental levy is projected to be \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value.



Above: Middle School & High School Band performing together.
Pictured below : High School Band



Remember to Vote February 11th!



Career day in the high school



High School Fall Royalty: Freshman Kenadie Hoglund/Chase Miller, Junior Jaime Larson/Shane Jacobs, Senior Queen and King Jorjah Johnson and Steven Colson, Alumni presenting crowns for King and Queen are Trevor Faucett and Lisa Wright, Senior Princess and Prince Hannah Anderson and Lucas Reuwsaat, Sophomore Olivia Slate/Nikolas Requa

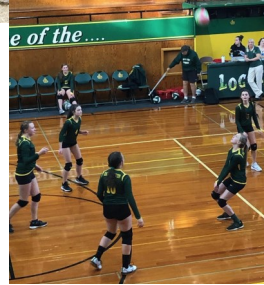




Middle
School Boys
Basketball



Middle School Girls Volleyball



Author Eric Ode and the Kindergarten classes



RAD Awards

R: Recognizing
A: Achievement
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Kindergarten 2020-2021

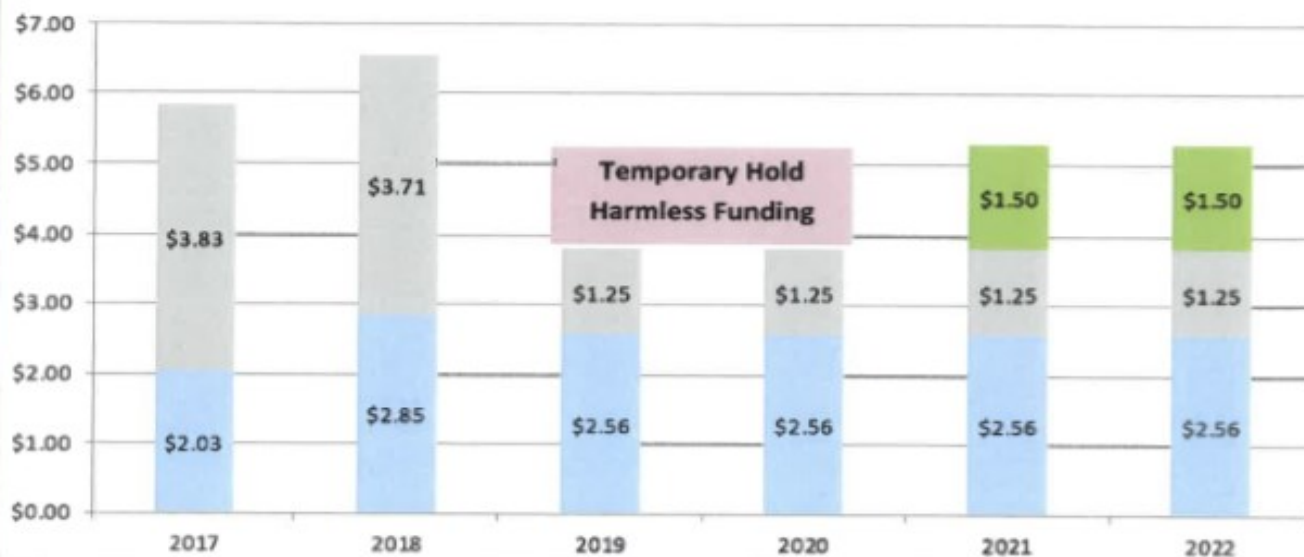
If your child does not attend preschool at either Kids Place, Sauk-Suiattle, or Darrington Elementary School, please contact Darrington Elementary School to let us know your child will be attending our kindergarten program next year. You can contact us by calling 360-436-1313 or email Kerie Anderson at kanderson@dsd.k12.wa.us

Thank you for helping us with our planning for the 2020-2021 school year.



Proposed levy amount: \$790,000 in 2021 and \$860,000 in 2022

Darrington School District Projected Levy Rates (Local and State)



This is the portion of local taxes levied by the state for school funding. These amounts don't necessarily correlate with the amount we receive from the state.

This is the portion of local taxes levied by the district. This funding is received by DSD directly from Snohomish and Skagit counties and has already been approved by local voters.

This is the portion of local taxes that will be levied by the district if voters approve the supplemental levy. This funding will be received by DSD directly from Snohomish and Skagit counties and will fill the gap that will be left when hold harmless funding from the state expires.

Temporary hold harmless funding was allocated by the legislature to help mitigate the impact of the McCleary fix. This funding expires at the end of the 2019-20 school year.

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED Teachers, Para educators, food service, custodial, grounds, route and substitute bus drivers, and inclement weather assistance. Please call *Maxine Frable* at 360.436.1323 for more information.