SHELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

STRONG SCHOOLS - STRONG COMMUNITY

Shelton School District Community,

As we look back on the 2020-21 school year, there were a lot of opportunities for us to learn about how to better serve our students and families. The pandemic has highlighted the significant importance of having students and educators learning in the same physical environment. The heart of education is the daily, unscripted (and scripted) interactions between the members of the classroom in a warm, supportive and rigorous environment.

We are thankful that students remained engaged while we provided both online learning and a hybrid model where students were on campus some of the time. And, by only the commitment a parent or guardian can provide, we are extremely fortunate to partner with our families as we kept learning going this past school year. Moving forward, we hope to continue building stronger partnerships with our parents and guardians.

In following our commitment to increasing the graduation rate for our students, we opened Cedar High School. Cedar is a different option for our students to access another pathway to meet the objectives listed on their high school and beyond plan. Cedar utilizes project-based learning in their courses and supports a whole-child approach where students' social, emotional, physical, and academic needs are addressed in a number of settings. When watching the students and staff interact, you can clearly see they provide a nurturing environment for all.

We are pleased to be near completion of the construction projects funded by the school bond passed in 2017, and now have students, staff, families, and community members enjoying the new and upgraded facilities. Thanks again to our voters for building the new Mt. View Elementary and Shelton High School expansion, and helping with matching state funds, an estimated \$19 million, to renovate our school district's athletic complex and construct a new gymnasium at Bordeaux Elementary. Again, none of these projects would be completed without your support and votes.

This past year we saw a number of changes in staff across the district. Like so many talented and committed workers across America and different industries, education was hit with a high number of folks who chose to retire. We want to thank them for their tremendous service to educating the youth of Shelton and Mason County. The efforts of our educators to support students over the decades and during this pandemic are a testament to how committed everyone is to education.

A special recognition to Dr. Alex Apostle who helped create a strong foundation for the Shelton School District, from improving facilities, increasing graduation rates, to increasing expectations for staff and students. His leadership serves us well now and into the future.



Listed below are some of our current and ongoing efforts and accomplishments.

- After a year and a half of online and hybrid instruction, we are thrilled to have all students back in school, inperson, full-time.
- Our schools have done a fantastic job following health and safety guidelines with minimal disruptions due to classroom closures and/or quarantine.
- The brand new Manufacturing, Engineering, and Technology (MET) Academy is near completion and we are excited to welcome everyone to the MET with classes beginning second trimester.
- This school year, Cedar High School started its second year now housed on the Olympic College campus where students have a variety of educational opportunities.



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- Despite the numerous challenges the pandemic has caused, we have been able to quickly and methodically work through them ensuring that our students can maintain in-person learning.
- After a successful launch of the Health Science Academy in 2018, four more academies have been launched (Freshman Academy, Natural Resources, Business, Finance, and Hospitality, and Manufacturing Engineering, and Technology). Shelton Academies now has 63 distinct Industry Recognized Credentials (IRCs) available in classes as well as 18 classes that offer a potential for 72 hours of college credit.
- The Shelton School Board was designated as a distinguished school board by the Washington State School Directors Association for the past four years.
- The elementary and middle school intramural programs and competitive sports programs are growing, offering more opportunities for students.
- The English Learner Task Force (ELTF) has been established to increase the quality and coordination of EL-related educational supports and services, especially across the core, general education settings.
- With the help of students, families, staff, and community members, we are well underway planning for our next five-year strategic plan that will help focus the goals of the district to ensure all of our students receive the high-quality instruction necessary to grow and achieve, across all of our schools.
- We have been awarded participation in a federally funded grant to build Positive Behavior Intervention Supports.

We will continue to celebrate our achievements, and continue to work tirelessly towards the next level of achievement for the benefit of our students.

Sincerely,

Wyeth Jessee

THE VISION

100% Graduation by 2022

THE MISSION

The mission to fulfill our vision is based on the following four goals:

- 1. Improve overall academic achievement for all students
- $\ensuremath{2}.$ Increase school quality and student success indicators
- 3. Ensure every staff member is a 21st-century educator
- 4. Promote equity in all aspects of the Shelton School District

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Over the last five years, Shelton School District has worked hard on our Vision and Goal of 100% graduation by 2022, and due to our collective efforts, we raised our graduation rate. Now is a critical time to develop a strategic plan that will influence the skills, experiences, and character we instill in our 4,300 students over the next five years and beyond.

Learn how we are planning for the future of our schools and how you can get involved by visiting <u>www.sheltonschools.org/district/strategic plan</u> or by scanning the QR code.



DISTRICT REPORT CARD & NAEP SCORES

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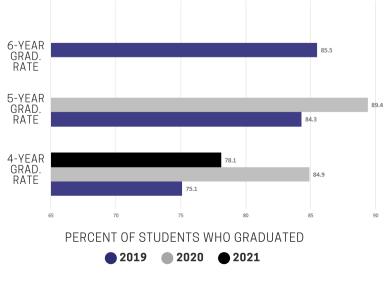
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STATE TESTING

There is no data for the 2020-21 school year due to State Superintendent Chris Reykdal deciding Washington state would not administer Smarter Balanced Assessments or the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science in spring 2021.

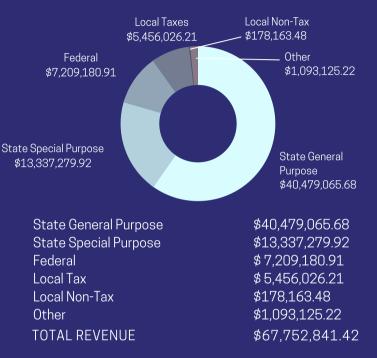
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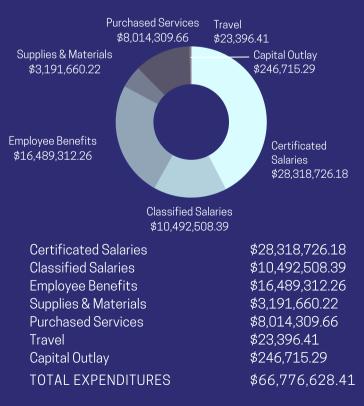


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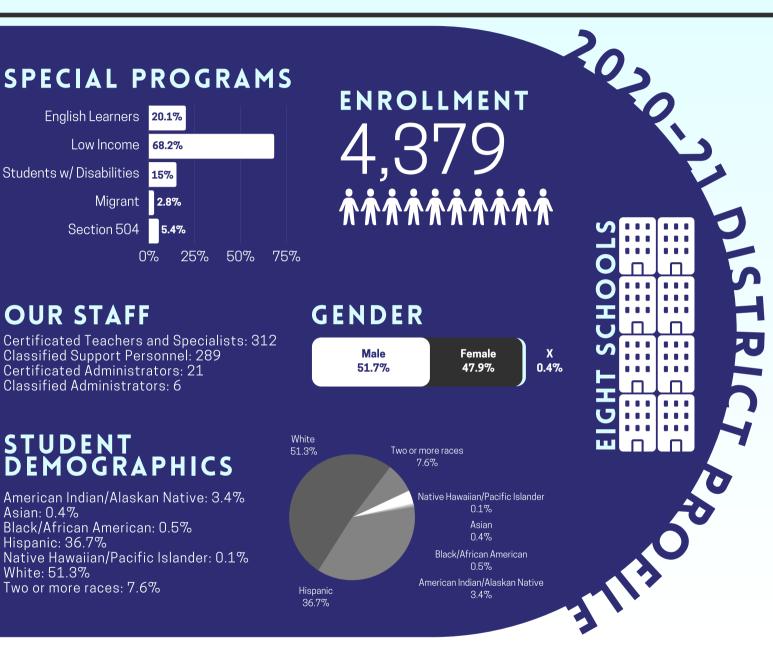
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