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### South Kitsap 360 - School Facilities from Every Angle

South Kitsap 360 was a series of three events that brought together a large group representing the community including, but not limited to parents, staff, business owners, students, City and County leaders, service clubs, and school support organizations. The SKSD Board of Directors will consider feedback gathered at the three events as they plan future ballot measures.

The South Kitsap 360 events were educational, informational, and conversational. The first event was held on March 28 at the South Kitsap High School Theatre. More than 220 guests attended the educational presentation hosted by City of Port Orchard Mayor Rob Putansuu and Sunnyslope Elementary Principal Lisa Fundane't. SKSD brought in expert panelists to share information with the audience. Dr. Brian Benzel covered school finance and budgeting; Tom Ahearne focused on school funding, public education and the McCleary case; Brian Sims talked about school construction and state assistance; Lee Fenton focused on long-range facility planning, school design and construction;

Dr. Nick Brossoit discussed how communities change over time and adding new schools.

The second phase of South Kitsap 360 was a series of informational tours that provided the opportunity for people to visit school sites and see the various facility concerns.

The third event was held on May 14. Participants gathered to review what was learned at the first two events and discussed a series of summarizing questions regarding the future of South Kitsap facilities.



South Kitsap School District is committed to the success of each child who joins us along their educational journey. We believe all children are capable of great success, without exception!

We remain unwaveringly committed to nurturing growth, inspiring achievement, and building community. We remain steadfastly committed to holding high expectations and providing a high level of support to all children.

### New Security Personnel



We are pleased to now have a total of seven school security officers, four at South Kitsap High School and one assigned to each middle school. The security officers also provide coverage when needed to our elementary

schools. In addition, we are fortunate to have two School Resource Officers, Sergeant David Humphrey and Deputy Bernie Brown, assigned full-time to the District. They work cooperatively with all schools in the District.



# 2016-17 Annual Report

## About SKSD Students

2016-2017 School Year

Enrollment	
October 2016 Student Count	9,899
May 2017 Student Count	9,864
Gender (October 2016)	
Male	52.1%
Female	47.9%
Race/Ethnicity (October 2016)	
Hispanic / Latino of any race(s)	10.9%
American Indian / Alaskan Native	1.0%
Asian	3.0%
Black / African American	1.2%
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	1.5%
White	70.7%
Two or More Races	11.7%
Special Programs	
Free or Reduced-Price Meals (May 2017)	37.4%
Special Education (May 2017)	15.4%
Transitional Bilingual (May 2017)	1.3%
Migrant (May 2017)	0.0%
Section 504 (May 2017)	2.9%
Other Information	
Unexcused Absence Rate (2016-17)	0.3%
Adjusted 4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate (Class of 2016)	76.5%
Adjusted 5-year Cohort Graduation Rate (Class of 2015)	84.3%

This report is a 'snapshot' of South Kitsap School District for the 2016-2017 school year. It captures information about student demographics and test scores. Additional detailed information, including South Kitsap School District's performance on statewide assessments and Washington State's performance on NAEP is available on the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website: [www.k12.wa.us](http://www.k12.wa.us). Select the blue State Report Card button on the right hand side and choose your district or school.

## Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA)

Grade Level	English Language Arts		Mathematics	
	WA State	SKSD	WA State	SKSD
3rd Grade	52.6%	58.7% ▲	57.8%	66.6% ▲
4th Grade	55.2%	59.3% ▲	54.3%	57.3% ▲
5th Grade	58.6%	62.6% ▲	48.6%	51.1% ◀
6th Grade	55.5%	61.0% ▲	48.2%	54.1% ▲
7th Grade	60.1%	60.1% ◀	49.9%	51.7% ◀
8th Grade	58.5%	59.0% ◀	47.6%	43.1% ▼
11th Grade	73.6%	68.7% ▼	25.9%	30.5% ▲



Higher than State average



Lower than State average



Neutral (< 3% difference)

Beginning in the spring of 2015, the state of Washington began giving a new state assessment called the Smarter Balanced Assessment.

Smarter Balanced Assessment is a comprehensive system designed to measure how well students are learning the Washington State K-12 Standards in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. This assessment is given in grades 3-8 and high school.

SKSD had 97.8% of 3rd-5th graders participate in the SBA ELA assessment and 97.9% in Mathematics. For 11th grade we had a 85.0% participation rate in ELA and 84.7% in Mathematics.

Detailed information regarding disaggregated student achievement data can be found at: [www.k12.wa.us](http://www.k12.wa.us) You may also request a printed copy by contacting the Learning and Instructional Support Department at 360.874.7004.





# Proud to Be South Kitsap

## Let's Celebrate Our Schools!

### Sunnyslope Recognized as Distinguished School

Sunnyslope Elementary has been recognized as a Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Distinguished School. The recognition honors schools committed to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their science, technology, engineering, and math programs. Sunnyslope is one of just 97 elementary schools across the U.S. and the only entity in the entire State of Washington to receive this honor.

Sunnyslope began integrating the PLTH Launch curriculum into K-5 in the 2016-17 school year. Students develop the in-demand knowledge and transportable skills that they will use both in school and for the rest of their lives, on any career path they take.



### Sunnyslope Principal Wins Award



Lisa Fundane't, principal at Sunnyslope Elementary, was selected as Peninsula Region Principal of the Year. The Elementary School Principals' Association of Washington (ESPAW) has 18 regions throughout the state and Mrs. Fundane't is one of 18 Distinguished Principals. The Peninsula Region consists of all school districts from Peninsula School District north to Port Townsend and west to Cape Flattery School District.

The certificate of recognition read, 'This award is presented as a tribute to your deep and professional commitment to the children of your school. Additionally, it represents the pride and admiration of your colleagues for your efforts in promoting positive school-community relations, for implementing instructional programs leading to academic excellence, and for your active participation in strengthening your local, state, and national professional principals association.'

### Cedar Heights - IB World School

Cedar Heights Middle School has received authorization as an International Baccalaureate World school offering the Middle Years Program. With the addition of Cedar Heights, South Kitsap School District now offers the IB program at elementary, middle school, and high school levels.

The IB program aligns with the goals of SKSD, which include preparing all students for continued education beyond high school, careers and active citizenship. IB provides students with instruction and experiences that develop strong academic, personal, and social skills necessary for future success.

### Olalla \$5,000 Grant Helps Teach Fitness



Congratulations to Olalla teacher Sara Gray for her \$5,000 grant from CenturyLink. This grant will fund the purchase of Fitbit fitness track wristbands for an entire class. These devices will help

educate students on managing their fitness goals independently. Students will learn about making healthy choices using their own data paired with a nutrition application.

### School Board Meetings Now Start at 5 PM!



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## Your Tax Dollars at Work



A new field house was built at South Kitsap High School for the secure storage of track equipment.



Lockers were installed at John Sedgwick and Cedar Heights to hold backpacks, helping reduce tripping hazards.



Pedestrian safety crosswalks and fencing were added by SKHS's new modular classrooms.



Old debris and thick undergrowth was cleared, creating a revived sunny outdoor learning environment at Olalla Elementary.



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## Thought Exchange

### School Safety Discussion

What are some important things for us to consider as we work to ensure our schools are safe places for all students to learn.



Secure school entrances



Emergency training for staff and students



Security staff and adequate supervision

**SKSD Asked:**

**Top Topics**



**1,143** people participated



**1,211** Thoughts Were Contributed



**31,050** Stars Were Assigned

To view the whole Thought Exchange report, please visit:  
<http://skitsap.thoughtexchange.com>

### Board of Directors:

**Rebecca Diehl** - President

**Keith Garton** - Vice President

**Liz Sebren, Seward Stevens, Greg Wall**

**Karst Brandsma**, Superintendent

### SKSD Non-Discrimination Statement

South Kitsap 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, marital 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 employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

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South Kitsap School District will also take steps to assure that national origin persons who lack English language skills can participate in all education programs, services, and activities. For information regarding translation services or transitional bilingual education programs, contact the Executive Director of Categorical Programs, Assessment, & Innovation at (360) 874-7060. All Employees are required to furnish proof of identity and employment authorization status. The South Kitsap School District is committed to providing a drug-free, tobacco-free environment for all persons, students, community and staff.



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