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COMMUNITY CONNECTION - FALL 2022

Opportunities and Building Belonging!



Tim Winter
Superintendent

The start of each school year is filled with excitement and anticipation and there is a little something extra this year. It is a feeling of hope at the opportunity that this new school year brings. Every day is a chance to be better and we will be better together.

We've learned a lot over the past couple years as we navigated education during a pandemic. Virtual meetings and online discussions are convenient and have their place, but it is hard to replace the value of gathering and sharing time together face to face.

Opportunities abound in South Kitsap School District. There is quite literally something for every student. However, simply providing opportunities is not enough without systems in place to support students. Thanks to the focus on instruction by our dedicated staff, students have the tools and support they need to be successful.

We are focused on building a sense of belonging for all students, families, and staff members in our district. We value the relationships we have with

families and within the community. It is critical that we continue to listen and learn from each other as we work collaboratively to support all students. Our differences drive our greatness. Let's continue to respect each other, rise above intolerance, and stand up to injustice so that everyone is able to learn and feel safe in an inclusive school community.

We sincerely appreciate the partnership and support of the South Kitsap community. Thank you!

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Key Dates

November 1, 3, 10.....Facility Planning Community Events
November 11.....No School. Veterans Day
November 24 - 25.....Thanksgiving Break
December 22 - January 4.....Winter Break
January 16.....No School. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Day
February 20 - 21.....Presidents Day Break
April 3 - 7.....Spring Break
May 29.....No School. Memorial Day
June 16*.....Last Day of School
1st/3rd Wednesday each month.....School Board Meetings



Removing Barriers to Learning & Engagement!



FREE Supplies!

South Kitsap School District provided essential school supplies for students in grades K-5 again this year!

SKSD is committed to removing barriers to learning and providing equitable access to education for students. Part of that commitment is lessening the financial burden of purchasing school supplies by our families.



No Athletic & Activity Fees!

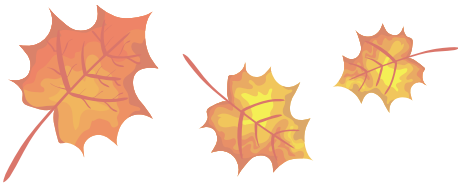
To encourage student involvement in athletics and activities and lessen the financial burden on families, South Kitsap School District is waiving all athletic and activity participation fees for the 2022-2023 school year.

Social interactions and engaging in activities help students build a sense of belonging. Students who take part in school activities make memories, build lasting friendships, and learn valuable skills like teamwork, leadership, and handling adversity.



School Meals!

The Community Eligibility Program provides free school meals for students at East Port Orchard and Discovery for the 2022-2023 school year. Families with students at all other schools must complete a Free & Reduced Meal Application to qualify. The applications are necessary for certain testing and participation fees to be waived or reduced. They also aid SKSD with the collection of crucial federal program funding. Call 360-443-3663 or learn more on the district website at: <https://sksdfoodandnutrition.com>



Progress Continues on the South Kitsap High School Community Pool

The South Kitsap High School Pool Modernization is the largest and most complex project that is detailed in the Capital Project Levy approved by voters in 2018. The needs for the SKHS pool building are extensive to restore the facility to operation.

Work began in March 2022 and the project is now well underway. Demolition of the pool systems, roof and the old movable floor was completed over the summer. The new concrete pool floor has been installed. Structural upgrades to the roof have been completed. Roofing, mechanical and electrical system upgrades are currently ongoing.

The pool project is expected to be open for use in the summer of 2023 and for the 2023-2024 school year.



View following demolition of the old pool floor and installation of the new concrete pool floor.



Your Tax Dollars at Work

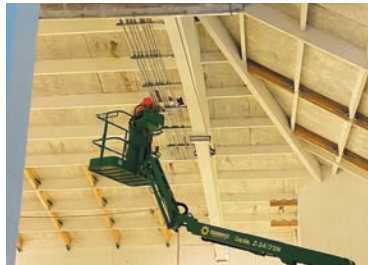


The images below are examples of recent repairs, improvements, and projects funded by taxpayer dollars. The projects may be capital levy funded or part of the South Kitsap School District general operating budget.

The Capital Projects Levy was approved by voters in 2018. SKSD does not have an existing capital bond for major school improvements or school construction.



Central Kitchen:
New generator installed



SKHS Pool: Roofing, mechanical and electrical system upgrades are ongoing



SKHS Pool: Roofing structural upgrades have been completed



South Kitsap High School:
New wheelchair/ADA compliant ramp



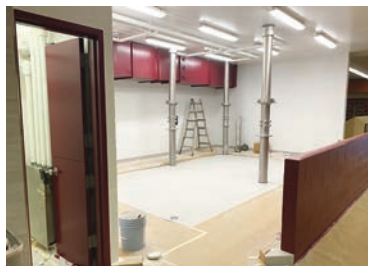
SKHS: Special Needs restroom remodeled for ADA compliance



SKHS: 5 drinking fountains replaced for ADA compliance & bottle filling



South Kitsap High School:
HVAC Chiller replaced



South Kitsap High School: Locker room and restrooms remodeled



Burley Glenwood: New stairs and ADA ramp to improve field access



East Port Orchard: Portable new paint and roof



Discovery / Madrona Heights:
Remodeled ADA restroom



Sidney Glen: Portables with new ramps and stairs





Rebuilding South Kitsap Schools



Developing the Rebuilding Plan

The newest district facilities are more than 25 years old and many are 50-60 years old. The South Kitsap School Board called for the formation of the committee to consider, develop, and recommend long-term plans for the physical facilities in South Kitsap School District.

The committee of 11 community members held 25 meetings and spent more than 50 hours to compile a thorough report for the Board's consideration. The group recommended priorities for addressing deferred maintenance and planned upgrades to District facilities with benchmarks at a minimum of five years, ten years, twenty-five years, and beyond. Their recommendation for rebuilding South Kitsap is broken down into four categories: replacement, major renovation, minor renovation, or re-purposing

Cedar Heights Middle School, Olalla Elementary and South Colby Elementary are the top priority for replacement using local school bond and state funding based on building condition and overall safety.

Next Steps - Bond Steering Committee

The Bond Steering Committee is the next step following the Long Range Facility Planning Committee's work. This District committee is the engine behind the development of a comprehensive bond to take to the community. They will also coordinate the next steps in community engagement and education about any ballot measure. The estimated timeline is for a ballot measure in November of 2023.

Learn More and Share Feedback

The events listed in the flyer below will all have the same format and the same information will be given at each including a presentation, time for discussion, and opportunities to share input. The community is invited to attend the date and location that is most convenient. The QR code links to a Thought Exchange as another tool to gather feedback. Additional information is available on the SKSD website.



Pick the Most Convenient Event

November 1, at 6pm South Colby Elementary, Cedar Heights Middle, or South Kitsap High School

November 3, 6 pm at Olalla Elementary, John Sedgwick Middle School, or South Kitsap High School

November 10, 6 pm at Sidney Glen Elementary, Marcus Whitman Middle School, or South Kitsap High School

Share Your Thoughts



Board of Directors:

Jeff Wilson, Brian Pickard,
John Berg, Jeff Daily,
and Kate Espy
Tim Winter, *Superintendent*

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The Title IX Officer and Section 504 Coordinator with the responsibility for monitoring, auditing and ensuring compliance with this policy are:

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