The 2006-07 school year was a very challenging one for the Shoreline School District and our community. Faced with a demographic decline of approximately 1,170 students in our elementary K-6 enrollment over the past 11 years, as well as a significant imbalance between revenues and expenditures in the general fund budget, the Shoreline School Board made the difficult decision to close two elementary schools (North City and Sunset), move two district programs (Room Nine Community School and the Home Education Exchange) and return to the six-period day at the middle school.

A broad-based District Advisory Committee for Program and Operations recommended the cost-saving reductions in January after three months of meetings, study and deliberations.

The reduction in the number of schools that the District operates is an effort to preserve the quality of our programs and the support for our classrooms at the remaining sites. The Shoreline School District has a very high standard for staffing and support services in our schools. We are one of the few districts in our state with a nurse at each school during all student hours. In addition, every elementary school has a full-time librarian, a half-time family advocate and two office support staff members.

By reducing the number of facilities and making adjustments to programs and staffing, the District will be able to better:

• protect our high standard of service to students and families;
• provide quality professional development to our staff; and
• improve the condition of our facilities.

Although the District’s efforts to reduce expenditures and decrease spending are ongoing, the District’s financial infrastructure is headed in the right direction.

Included in the reductions is the elimination of 7.5 administrative positions. With the reduction of two elementary principals, two high school assistant principals, and 3.5 central office administrators, the District has been able to reduce expenditures by $800,000 not directly connected to the classroom.

Our goal will be to produce a non-deficit budget for 2007-08 and then begin to restore the necessary ending fund balance in the general fund for 2008-09.

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Message from Superintendent Sue Walker

Dear Shoreline Schools Community,

It is a privilege to serve as the Superintendent of the Shoreline Schools and to be a member of this community. When I was hired as a mathematics teacher in 1973, Shoreline was considered unsurpassed in the public education of its children.

This year marks my 26th year of working for Shoreline, and I truly believe that Shoreline continues to attract new families and exceptional educators, as a result of its strong reputation for academic excellence. As a parent of two Shorewood graduates, I am forever indebted to the Shoreline schools for the outstanding education, support and opportunities provided to my two daughters.

As you will read in this report, the District has made the difficult decision this year to close two elementary schools, relocate two programs and make other cost saving reductions. These decisions were made in response to a declining enrollment that has continued for many years. This decline in school-aged children is a countywide trend reflecting the age of our neighborhoods, the lack of land for development and the cost of housing in areas close to Seattle.

It has actually been 21 years since a school has been closed in Shoreline. I remember it well, since I was a math teacher at Shoreline High School in 1986 when it occurred. I also experienced the community anxiety associated with the closure, as half of the staff and students headed to Shorewood and half headed to Shorecrest. Obviously, the decision to close a school is always difficult under any conditions, but it is our sincere hope that we can unite and re-establish our focus on instruction and outstanding educational programs for children and the families of Shoreline and Lake Forest Park.

As a district we are moving in the right direction to establish financial stability, but our challenges are not over.

Like all districts in the state of Washington, we must all continue to advocate for our state’s full funding of basic education. Each year, it becomes more and more challenging for Washington school districts to maintain programs and staffing.

Currently, Washington is 42nd in per pupil spending. School districts throughout the region are cutting staff, programs and services to children and families, simply to provide the basic requirements that do not receive ample funding, such as special education, transportation and state pass-through salaries and benefits. The next legislative session will be critical for the future of all public schools in Washington.

We have important work to do and we have the parents and staff that can make it happen. I have great confidence in the future of the Shoreline Schools and I am proud to be a part of that future.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

New Principals for Shorewood, Einstein

Bill Dunbar has been selected as the principal of Shorewood High School beginning July 1. Dunbar will succeed John Green, who is retiring after six years as Shorewood principal and 30 years in public education. Dunbar has been principal of Einstein Middle School in Shoreline since 2002. He first joined the district in 2000 as assistant principal at Einstein. Under his leadership, Einstein has consistently improved student achievement.

Stephanie Clark Lander has been selected to succeed Dunbar as principal of Einstein Middle School and Shorecrest High School beginning July 1. Clark Lander has been assistant principal of Shorecrest High School since 2004. Her duties have included leadership in the school’s “Visioning” work, supervision of Shorecrest’s athletic and activity programs, and integration of laptop computer technology into teaching and learning.

The Back to School event August 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Ridgecrest Elementary provides school supplies, haircuts, and clothing assistance for low income families or those experiencing circumstances that make it challenging to prepare their children for going back to school.

For information or to register, visit www.btsconsortium.org or call 362-7282.

Drop off donations at:
• Center for Human Services
• School District offices at Shoreline Center—18560 1st Ave. NE
• Windermere Real Estate offices in Shoreline and Lake Forest Park
• Spartan Gym
• Vineyard Church—15th NE
• Sky Nursery, NE 185th and Aurora
The District is protecting the quality of our classrooms by making the commitment to maintain the average class size for the 2007-08 school year. Although there are always variations in individual classrooms from year to year and from building to building, the ratio of classroom teachers serving our students will remain stable.

Another commitment by the District is to avoid overcrowding at our nine remaining sites. The nine new learning communities created by the attendance area boundary adjustments will equitably distribute our resident enrollment for years into the future. The enrollment of our nine consolidated sites is projected to be at an average for neighboring districts.

As a community, we are committed to making the transition of children and families to their new sites as positive as possible. PTA organizations and building staff at all sites have been sponsoring welcoming activities and events for members of the new communities.

Since all schools in the Shoreline District have exceptional programs and staff, the District has every confidence that all children impacted by these changes will receive the necessary support required to make this transition successful.

Finally, we hope that you will visit our Shoreline Schools Web site for more information about our students, activities and educational programs. Visit us soon at www.shorelineschools.org.

Shoreline Schools Closure History
(1954-Present)
1965: Hamlin Park
1971: Cedarbrook, Cromwell Park, Paramount Park, Richmond Beach, Ronald, Cordell Hull Jr High
1973: Butler Jr High
1977: Morgan Jr High
1982: Aldercrest, Hillwood, Horizon View, Meridian
1986: Shoreline High School
2007: North City, Sunset

This edition of *Flagship* is being sent to 26,000 households in the Shoreline School District with the generous support of the Shoreline Public Schools Foundation. The Foundation has been supporting our District since 1992, providing grant and scholarship programs that enrich the educational experiences of our students and teachers.

During the 2006-07 school year, the Foundation gave a special grant of nearly $100,000 to help preserve District programs from budget reductions. They included:
- Stipends for Webmasters;
- Student scholarships for the laptop initiative;
- Social studies field trips for second, third, and fourth grades;
- District music festival for fifth and sixth grades;
- Einstein: career education;
- Kellogg: security radios;
- Shorecrest: pottery wheels; and
- Shorewood: biology textbooks for ELL students.

In addition, the Foundation also funded many regular, annual building goal and classroom grants, allowing the District’s schools to create curriculum, hold special events or invite outside speakers. Opportunity grants allowed each school to help students with funds for supplies, field trips and class fees.

The District is grateful for the Foundation’s continuing support.

If you are interested in contributing to the Foundation, or would like more information, call 368-4107 or visit www.shorelinefoundation.org. The Foundation address is 18560 1st NE, Shoreline, WA 98155.
Bev Anderson, 2007  
Shoreline Teacher of the Year

Beverly Anderson, culinary arts teacher at Shorewood High School, has been selected as the Shoreline Public Schools’ 2007 Teacher of the Year.

One of the most visible examples of Anderson’s exemplary teaching is her far-reaching connections to the local and regional culinary community. The best chefs and other food professionals in the region hold her program in high regard and seek out ways in which they can contribute. Many of her students have followed her into the profession. Anderson is retiring this year from Shorewood.

Gayle McDougall-Treacy, 2007  
Shoreline Support Person of the Year

Shoreline Public Schools has selected Gayle McDougall-Treacy, family advocate for Shorecrest High School and Kellogg Middle School, as the District’s 2007 Support Person of the Year.

In nominating McDougall-Treacy for this prestigious honor, Shorecrest and Kellogg staff, students and members of the community said that she is a tireless advocate for social justice and equal access to education.

“She builds relationships with families, helping them to appreciate their strengths and inspiring them to find solutions to their problems as they develop new skills and become their own advocates,” one nomination read. “Her work supports the academic success of students by decreasing the cultural and economic barriers they encounter in schools.”