

Design outreach meetings engage community

Community members gathered at Shorecrest and Shorewood High Schools on Jan. 22 to offer their thoughts on what they would like to see in the replacement/modernization of both buildings.

The Shorecrest design team was joined by the architects from Integrus Architecture, and the Bassetti Architects joined the Shorewood team to listen to the community's ideas. These included the site, traffic and parking, and the look and feel of the buildings.

If you weren't able to attend one of the sessions but have suggestions, e-mail the Shorecrest Design Team at sc.design@shoreschools.org or the Shorewood Design Team at sw.design@shoreschools.org. There are also design team Web pages for each school available at www.shoreschools.org. The next phase for each school is to develop conceptual design elements, followed by schematic designs, prior to a bond issue anticipated in winter 2010. The community is invited to a second meeting at 7 p.m. March 19 at both Shorecrest and Shorewood.



Shorewood Principal Bill Dunbar, left, talks with community members at the design meeting held in the school's library.



Shorecrest Principal Pat Hegarty points out a location on the site analysis map during the design meeting on Jan. 22.

New director of finance and business services

Mark Spangenberg has joined the Shoreline School District as the director of finance and business services.

Mark most recently served as executive director of fiscal services for the Monroe School District in Snohomish County, where he has worked since 1997.

He succeeds Sandra Nagli, who delayed her planned retirement two years to help the Shoreline district return to financial stability.

Mark began his work in Monroe as coordinator of accounting, became the director of fiscal services in 1999, and was promoted to executive director in 2006. In Monroe, he prepared 10 annual budgets, monthly financial and enrollment reports, and was responsible for financial management of \$48 million in capital improvements.

Previously Mark served as the business manager for the Manson School District in Chelan County. He is a graduate of Central Washington University with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

Mark and his wife Theresa have been married for 22 years and have two sons, Kent and Christopher.



Kindergarten registration for 09-10 now under way

Kindergarten registration for Shoreline and Lake Forest Park residents with students starting kindergarten in the fall of 2009 is now under way at your neighborhood school. In order to attend kindergarten in the fall, a child must be five years old by Aug. 31, 2009.

For students living outside of the Shoreline School District, kindergarten registration will begin on Feb. 9. Registration and boundary exception request paperwork must be submitted to the Instruction Department of the Shoreline School District at Shoreline Center. Families will be notified by April 10 as to the status of their request.

For more information on kindergarten registration, please call Cathy Allred at 206-361-4211.



Highland Terrace Elementary will hold its 50th anniversary Pancake Breakfast from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7 at the school, 100 N. 160th St. in Shoreline. Highland Terrace opened in 1958 and the Pancake Breakfast has been a tradition at the school, as seen in this 1960 photo. Community members and Highland Terrace alumni are invited to come and enjoy breakfast, visit classrooms and attend the school's book fair.

Superintendent's Message:

Proposed legislation an important first step for education funding

(The following Open Letter was sent to Washington State Legislators from the Superintendents of King County, Pierce County and Bainbridge Island regarding education funding in Washington state.)

We are writing to you as the superintendents of the 35 school districts in King and Pierce counties and Bainbridge Island in Kitsap County. Together we have the privilege and responsibility of serving these communities including 390,000 children – nearly 40 percent of Washington's K-12 public school students.

Given our state's serious budget deficit, we understand the daunting task the legislature faces in the next few months. Our hope is to work as your partner in a united effort to solve our state's educational funding crisis.

Washington's constitution states, "It is the paramount duty of the State to make ample provisions for the education of all children residing within its borders without distinction or preference on account of race, color, caste or sex." As superintendents, we advocate for the State to uphold its paramount duty and recognize the moral imperative to provide adequate levels of funding for Washington's children.

Aligned with this paramount duty is our adherence to two guiding principles – equity and access. Access to quality instruction and programs that meet the diverse learning needs of students in Washington and prepares them to succeed in the 21st century must take priority in budget decisions.

We commend the work of the Basic Education Finance Task Force to create a sound education finance system. We believe that HB 1410 and SB 5444 begin to actualize the recommendations put forth by the task force and offer great promise for Washington's students. We pledge to work with the legislature to create necessary refinements to the bills and assure their passage.

As we work for a long-term funding solution, it is important that decisions made in the short-term move us toward this improved vision of equitable education finance that provides appropriate access for all students to quality public schools. The difficult budget cuts that must be determined by the legislature must consider the inequities in the present K-12 funding model and ensure any cuts in public education do not further exacerbate the already egregious inequities in the public school funding structure. We believe that the principles of equity and access must frame and guide immediate decisions about education funding in the 2009-2011 biennium budget.

We recognize that there will be various funding proposals to consider during this session and are well aware that they will impact K-12 education. Governor Gregoire's proposed K-12 budget includes significant reductions in 1-728

Nominations open for 2009 Shoreline Schools Teacher of the Year

Please consider nominating a teacher for Shoreline Teacher of the Year. Nominations may be made by staff, students, parents, and other community members. Nomination forms are available on the district Web site, www.shorelineschools.org/news/forms, or from the Public Information Office, 206-361-4412.

Nominations for Teacher of the Year are due in the Public Information Office by March 6, 2009. The recipient will be recognized at a reception on April 27, receive a \$1,000 award from the Shoreline Public Schools Foundation, and is forwarded for State Teacher of the Year consideration.

and local effort assistance funding for the 2009-2011 biennium. To inform your decision-making, we have attached data showing the impact of these cuts to each of our district's budgets. *(The impact on Shoreline is more than \$1 million.)*

We offer our voices, support and actions to your work both to minimize short-term financial impacts on our students and to craft a long-term solution for education funding in the state of Washington. We look forward to our work together.

(Signed by Shoreline Superintendent Sue Walker and superintendents of 34 other Puget Sound area school districts.)

Shoreline Schools Calendar

Feb. 9 • School Board Committee of the Whole meeting, 4:30 p.m., D-105 Shoreline Center

Feb. 10 • Westside Band Festival, 7:30 p.m., Spartan Gym at Shoreline Center

Feb. 11 • District Orchestra Festival, 7:30 p.m., Spartan Gym at Shoreline Center

Feb. 12 • Eastside Band Festival, 7:30 p.m., Shorecrest gym

Feb. 12 • Westside Choral Festival, 7:30 p.m., Shoreline Center auditorium

Feb. 13, 14 • Briarcrest musical "Aladdin Jr." at Shorecrest Performing Arts Center

Feb. 16 • No School, Presidents Day

Feb. 17-20 • No School, Mid-Winter Break; child care available through the Shoreline Children's Center

Feb. 28 • Shorecrest Big Band Dance, 7:30 p.m.

March 2 • Shoreline Support Person of the Year reception, 6:30 p.m., Shoreline Center

March 2 • School Board meeting, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center

March 3 • District Honor Choir Festival, 7:30 p.m., Spartan Gym

For a complete District calendar, visit www.shorelineschools.org

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