

## Superintendent's Message:

### 'Good schools make good neighbors' in Shoreline/LFP

Dear Shoreline Schools Community,

Shoreline has ranked number one and number two in *Seattle Magazine's* annual review of the 110 best-known Seattle-area neighborhoods the past two years. Reasons given have included Shoreline's "lauded school system" and this year's comment was, "Good schools make good neighbors in this diverse, family-oriented community." Undoubtedly, the reputation of our community is integrally connected with the quality of our schools and many families will tell you that they "moved to Shoreline for the schools."

There is a quality of life in the Shoreline Schools that has thus far survived the decline of K-12 funding in our State. Those qualities include a registered nurse at each school during all student hours, a full-time certificated librarian in every school, a classified library technician at each school site, a family resource advocate in all elementary schools, two office support staff in all elementary schools, security monitors in every secondary school and a 350-to-1 ratio for all secondary counselors. No other school district in our region provides all of these amenities for students, families and staff.

In the past few years, Shoreline has been able to make significant improvements in our elementary and middle school facilities. New modular buildings provide music and before/after school care for our elementary children, and new flooring, roofing, playfields and athletic fields enhance our sites.

Over the years, however, the quality of our high school facilities has fallen behind those in surrounding districts. The upgraded facilities at Edmonds-Woodway, Lynnwood, Meadowdale, Roosevelt, Ballard, Garfield, Bothell and many other high schools around us provide 21st century academic, secure, efficient and environmentally-sustainable community



Scale models of the preferred designs for Shorecrest and Shorewood High School have been created and are being shown at schools throughout the District. They may be also viewed on the District Web site, [www.shorelineschools.org](http://www.shorelineschools.org). The Shoreline School Board donned hard hats while viewing the models at a recent meeting.

resources that are the pride of their respective neighborhoods.

With the 2006 bond measure our community began the process to modernize/renovate the 48-year-old Shorecrest facility and the 34-year-old Shorewood facility. Shorewood was originally created by remodeling Butler Junior High, built in 1953 and Ronald Elementary School, built in 1951.

Recently, the conceptual schematic designs for our two high school sites were unveiled. The next step in the process will be to take the decision regarding the future of these two high school facilities to our voters in February. Please take the time to become informed and knowledgeable about the future plans for Shorewood and Shorecrest High Schools. The site plans for both buildings can be viewed on the District website, [www.shorelineschools.org](http://www.shorelineschools.org).

Sincerely,



## "Calling for Kids" Sunday, Nov. 1

Phones will ring Sunday, Nov. 1 as the Shoreline Public Schools Foundation carries on its tradition of "Calling for Kids" to raise money for grants and scholarships that will benefit all Shoreline students.

Teachers, parents, high school students and community members will be calling homes and asking for your pledge of support.

Since 1992, the Shoreline Public Schools Foundation has raised over \$2.5 million to fund grants and scholarships for our schools.

Donations may be made by contacting: Shoreline Public Schools Foundation, 18560 1st Avenue NE, Shoreline, WA 98155; 206.368.4107, or online at [www.shorelinefoundation.org](http://www.shorelinefoundation.org).

## P-5 math programs to be considered this year

The Shoreline School District will be reviewing math programs for preschool through grade five during the 2009-10 school year.

The district will also be looking at middle school math programs, but the middle school review will continue for an additional year.

This evaluation of math programs will be coordinated through the Mathematics Achievement Team (MAT), a group of teachers, administrators and parents. Last year, a similar group reviewed and recommended a new high school math curriculum, Prentice Hall 2011, that is now being used at Shorecrest and Shorewood.

Teachers will review the programs and field test lessons in their classrooms from

November through April. The materials will also be available for parents and community members to review from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays in the Teaching and Learning Department at Shoreline Center. In May, the MAT will use teacher and parent evaluations to determine the most effective math program for grades P-5. They will recommend one program to the School Board for adoption.

The schedule of MAT meetings will be on the Shoreline Mathematics website, <http://learn.shorelineschools.org/spec/math1/index.php>. MAT meetings are open to the public and minutes will be posted. Questions concerning this process can be directed to Sue Porter, Director of Teaching and Learning, at 206-361-4222.

## New Data Dashboard offers easy access to student grades, test scores

The Shoreline School District's new Data Dashboard is a Web-based application for accessing information on grades and test scores for students in grades 7-12.

The Dashboard is connected to the District student information system so it always includes currently enrolled students.

There are two parts to the Dashboard: test scores and grades.

The Dashboard test score module enables students, parents, teachers, and administrators to see the assessment history of students in one place. This information includes scores from state

tests (WASL and WLPT) and district-wide literacy tests.

The other part of the Dashboard is the module for online grading. Twice a month, teachers at the middle and high schools upload grades from their grade books into the Dashboard. The Dashboard then provides progress reports and calculates a near real-time grade point average. The Dashboard also offers information on missing assignments.

Login for students and parents is <http://dashboard.shorelineschools.org/ShorelineStudents>. For your student's unique login and password information, please contact your school registrar.

## Questions and answers about the impact of Initiative 1033 on Shoreline Schools

### **Q: What is Initiative 1033?**

A: Initiative 1033 limits annual growth of state, city and county general fund revenue to the rate of inflation and population growth.

General fund revenues exceeding this limit must be used to reduce the following year's state, city or county general fund property tax levy.

### **Q: What would be the effects of I-1033 on the Shoreline School District?**

A: The Initiative reduces state general fund revenues that support education; social, health and environmental services; and general government activities by

an estimated \$5.9 billion by 2015. The estimated impact on Shoreline Schools would be reduction of \$21.8 million over five years.

The Shoreline School Board passed a resolution unanimously opposing Initiative 1033 at its Oct. 5 meeting. Similar resolutions have been adopted by the Shoreline Education Association, Shoreline Educational Support Professionals Association and Shoreline PTA Council, as well as the city councils of Shoreline and Lake Forest Park. The complete text of the resolution is available on the District Web site.

### Shoreline Schools Calendar

**Oct. 19** • School Board meeting, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center

**Oct. 20** • Shorewood orchestra concert, 7:30 p.m.

**Oct. 22** • Shorecrest band/orchestra/choir concert, 7:30 p.m.

**Oct. 23** • Shorewood Homecoming football game, 7 p.m., Shoreline Stadium

**Oct. 27** • Shorewood jazz concert, 7:30 p.m.

**Oct. 28** • Shorecrest wind ensemble/orchestra/choir concert, 7:30 p.m.

**Oct. 29** • Shorecrest jazz band concert, 7:30 p.m.

**Nov. 1** • Return to Standard Time

**Nov. 1** • Shoreline Public Schools Foundation "Calling for Kids" phonathon

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

**Nov. 3** • General Election Day

**Nov. 9** • School Board Committee of the Whole Meeting, 4:30 p.m.

**Nov. 11** • No School, Veterans Day

**Nov. 12-15, 19-22** • Shorecrest fall musical, "Into the Woods"

**Nov. 13-14, 19-21** • Shorewood fall play, "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland"

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