



## News release

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### **Everett Public Schools celebrates retirees; highlighting 40+ years**

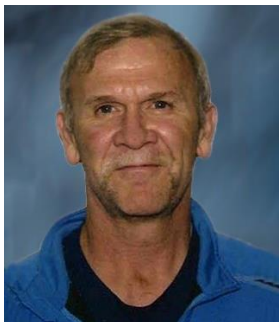
*A common theme among those with longevity are strong roots in the district*

As Everett Public Schools embarks on its first ever virtual retirement celebration due to the COVID-19 pandemic, for just over 50 retirees on May 28, there are four among them who have forty or more years of service. Each one has spent their entire professional career with the district and is highlighted below in recognition of their long and devoted careers.



Michael Moran has worked in the maintenance department at Everett Public Schools for the past 40 years with the most recent 23, having “the best job in the district, the courier!!” He says, “I worked by myself, but I was never alone.” What Mike will miss most are the relationships with the great people he saw and chatted with daily. “I will miss hearing about their kids, their vacations, their troubles and their triumphs.” His plans for retirement are to make life easy for his wife of 40 years as she continues to work.

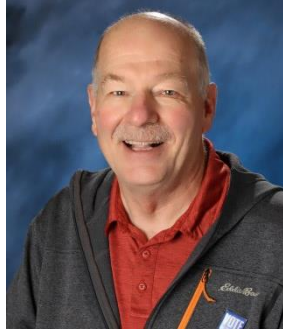
Robin Tester retired in November after 40 years working in custodial operations with Everett Public Schools. Robin worked in many schools as the swing shift custodian before becoming the head custodian at Cedar Wood elementary for a few years, prior to spending her last years as a swing custodian at North Middle School. Robin always worked hard to make any school she worked at clean and safe for students and staff.



Edwin (Ed) Lundberg retires this year after 41 years providing instruction to kids in Everett Public Schools. Teaching at Heatherwood Middle School for 31 of those years, Ed was one of the original staff members that opened the school and is the last remaining original staff member to retire. During his time at the district, he focused on the importance of the relational aspect of teaching subjects such as lifetime fitness and history.

Ed was also involved with coaching. He coached eighth grade football and boys’ and girls’ basketball at Heatherwood. “In addition, for 25 years, I was also involved with Washington Cultural Exchange and traveled with basketball teams and student travel groups from Heatherwood to China, Ireland, France, England, Korea and Japan.”

Ed was also the president of the Mill Creek Little League for five years and then the District 1 Administrator for Little League International for seven years. Ed's wife also taught in the Everett School District for 25 years before retiring last year. What he will miss most in retirement is "most definitely being in Portable 8 with my classes."



Gregg Elder has taught 43 years in Everett Public Schools. Three years at Lowell Elementary and 40 years at Evergreen Middle School. He himself attended View Ridge, South Junior and graduated from Cascade High. And, both his kids attended View Ridge, Evergreen and graduated from Everett High. His wife worked at View Ridge, Lowell, Jackson Elementary and many years at Everett High. He says, "As a family we are homegrown and haven't strayed far from our roots."

Gregg will miss the incredible staff he has come to know and respect over the years. He also will carry fond memories of the students and parents who he has had the great pleasure to work with as a teacher and a coach. "In retirement we hope to spend time with our grandkids, travel a bit, enjoy reading anytime we want, and be involved in community activities."

"To work in the education system is public service," said Dr. Ian Saltzman, superintendent, "but to spend forty or more years dedicating your life to students is an achievement few can share. Thank you, Michael, Robin, Edwin and Gregg for your years of service to Everett Public Schools. Congratulations to all our retirees!"

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