



Let's Connect Feedback

New School Year Launch

Monday, September 20, 2021 | ZOOM

Total Participants: 247

Topic: New School Year Launch

1. What went well for the start of the school year?
2. What areas need improvement?
3. Are there any extra supports your child needs to make this year successful?

What went well for the start of the school year?

- Being back in school in person and socializing with friends
- In person learning is better – online was difficult
- Great communication from principals and teachers (weekly emails from principals, teachers reaching out frequently)
- Communications from the district has been amazing
- SEL has been done well- first five-day plan was a great way for students to build relationships and routines
- Teacher enthusiasm to welcome students back
- Staff and teachers have been amazing and are making it easier on parents
- Starting sports with focus on doing it safely – great communicating
- Students appear to be adapting well to wearing masks
- Orientation before school started was helpful (meeting principal, teachers, touring school)
- Chromebook and school supply distribution before school started
- Very appreciative of the hard work of the teachers and administrators
- Where possible, eating lunch outside is great.
- Love the “Remind” app
- Hosting “Let’s Connect” in the evening is great – ability to attend and give feedback
- Much more organized than last year
- Great organization in the cafeteria with assigned seating
- Jump Start and Everett Ready programs were great preparation for young students over the summer
- Teachers are noticing when students are sick and sending them home right away – this is a good sign and relieves anxiety
- Bus transportation is going well – buses are on time

What areas need improvement?

- Crowded lunches.
- Buses are too crowded
- 3’ distancing is uneven and inconsistent by class/space
- More structure on distancing while students are outside

- Being notified earlier of classroom assignments/teachers – we didn't know until just before school started
- Coordinated communications through single channels where possible – difficult to keep up with all the information from teachers, etc.
- Bus/transportation communication is lacking, difficult to navigate the transportation system
- General supply lists often differ from supplies required by teachers (elementary & middle school)
- Would have appreciated the option of hybrid this school year (to keep kids safe)
- Keep sending reminders on a regular basis about the importance of masking (some masking is inconsistent)
- Want to be more involved with conversations/decisions about COVID protocols in schools.
- More transparency, consistency around COVID issues/cases and quarantine requirements/expectations.
- Real-time COVID data (ours is a week behind)
- Consistency in communications (text stating you will get email, call same thing, then an email)
- We want to volunteer/observe inside the schools. We are willing to do things at home.
- Since we can't visit/volunteer we'd like to see how our child's days are going (a day in the life)
- How can we get more involved when we can't be in the school visiting/volunteering? Can parents volunteer to help with things like pickup and drop off to keep things moving and safe?
- Checking on student work in Canvas can be challenging – and each teacher does things differently. More consistency would be great.
- Everett Virtual Academy (EVA) want more communication and connection as a school
- Staggered pick-up times for school levels (roads are very crowded)

Are there any extra supports your child needs to make this year successful?

- Study habit suggestions for students and families to help students get back on track.
- Better support when quarantined (especially for students with IEPs)
- Better communication around supports for quarantined students (especially in high school)
- Classes on mental health topics a few times a month (breathing, etc.)
- First graders are struggling because of what they missed last year – option to have a phased-in approach with a readiness assessment
- Implement new-to-school ice breaker/social emotional topics – how to make friends/etc.
- Accessing all assignments in Canvas – hard to keep track of 6 different classes with different platforms
- Adjust grading practices this year
- Suggest PD for staff around trauma and cultural differences – we are still in a pandemic and this may impact families and students very differently depending on their situations
- Talk with students about how they are feeling – mental health check-ins/Counselors in schools
- Would like a hybrid option implemented