

GENERAL SESSION – ALL COUNSELORS | 8:45-11:45

Port Gardner A&B



## WHERE WE'RE HOPING TO HEAD NEXT FALL

As part of the Learning Improvement Day agenda on October 11, 2024, the idea is that each school will divide their certificated and classified staff into classrooms of about 20 participants. A Forefront trainer will lead a LEARN training via Zoom webinar simultaneously across the district. Each room will have a trained staff member present in person to help with facilitation of this session.

## PURPOSE OF THE COUNSELOR MEETING

On April 18<sup>th</sup>, the district counselors will meet together to receive LEARN training that will help equip each of you (among others) to serve as a facilitator during the October 11<sup>th</sup> Learning Improvement Day next fall. The current goal is that suicide prevention LEARN training sessions will be provided to all school staff and will be led by a Forefront in the Schools trainer.

## BACKGROUND & RATIONALE

In Washington each year, school districts alternate annually between a professional learning focus on Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) and Social & Emotional Learning (SEL). The 2024-25 school year will have an SEL emphasis. School Board Policy ([2145](#)) and Procedure ([2145P](#)) set expectations for suicide prevention training to be provided annually to help staff identify and respond to students at risk of suicide. Everett Public Schools is a cohort district with the University of Washington's Forefront in the Schools suicide prevention program, and LEARN is the acronym for five steps to recognize signs of suicide and respond in a manner that can help save someone's life.

## FAQ's

***Q: Will I be leading a LEARN training session at the October 11<sup>th</sup> Learning Improvement Day?***

A: There will be a Forefront in the Schools trainer who will officially lead the LEARN training via Zoom or other method.

***Q: What will be my role as a facilitator?***

A: You will serve as a LEARN-trained resource with your colleagues to answer basic questions that you know the answers to and to record the questions you don't (to build a more general FAQ for staff). The LEARN training includes some interactive elements, and you will be helpful in guiding their launch and pacing. You can also share with your colleagues how you can be useful as a resource if/when they come across a student showing signs of suicide.

***Q: Are counselors the only ones who are helping in the LEARN training facilitation?***

A: There are other types of staff members who will help with these sessions as well, including nurses, administrators, health (and several other interested) teachers, and several other student support staff members.

***Q: How many staff members at each school will help facilitate the LEARN training?***

A: It will be ideal to have classroom sizes of about 20 people, so the total number helping facilitate will depend on the overall staff size of each school who attend the LID days.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 30, 2024