

News release



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More than a dozen elected officials sat to visit about schools Dec. 2

School board's second Community Conversation draws committed representatives

Each year, before the legislative session begins, the school board visits with legislators about legislative action necessary to continue improving student learning.

This year, the board decided to hold that annual meeting in a different way. The legislative meeting became one of the board's *Community Conversations*, and it included more than just state legislators. Those parents and community members who came to North Middle School last week had a unique opportunity to visit with more than a dozen elected representatives whose decisions impact students.



Everett Mayor Ray Stephanson and City Council member Judy Touhy at a table with board member Ted Wenta. In the background are other tables with Representative Hans Dunshee and City Council member Paul Roberts.

Governor's Office <i>Lacey Harper, Northwest Regional Representative</i>	Legislators <i>John McCoy, Senator, 38th District</i> <i>Rosemary McAuliffe, Senator, 1st District</i> <i>June Robinson, Representative, 38th District</i> <i>Mike Sells, Representative, 38th District</i> <i>Hans Dunshee, Representative, 44th District</i>	City and County <i>Ray Stephanson, Mayor, City of Everett</i> <i>John Lovick, County Executive, Snohomish County</i> <i>Brian Sullivan, Vice Chair, County Council</i> <i>Ken Klein, County Council</i> <i>Scott Bader, Vice President, City Council of Everett</i> <i>Paul Roberts, City Council of Everett</i> <i>Judy Tuohy, City Council of Everett</i>
Economic Alliance Snohomish County <i>Troy McClelland, President and CEO</i>		
Students <i>Joseph Jackson, Sequoia High</i> <i>Scott Pease, Cascade High</i> <i>Robi Ramos, Cascade High</i> <i>Trever Tuck, Everett High</i> <i>Mitchell Weholt, Henry M. Jackson High</i>		

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Senator Rosemary McAuliffe, Senator from the 1st District, was among those available to visit with parents and community members on Dec. 2.

As Board President Pam LeSesne explained, “The decisions we make as elected officials are not isolated. School decisions have an impact on their communities. City and county decisions impact the families of students in schools. State legislative decisions either support or inhibit the way we are able to educate community children. We need to be talking about our common goals and common challenges and to work together to leverage our resources.”



Troy McClelland, President and CEO of Economic Alliance Snohomish County, gave a “thumbs up” to the progress being made in Everett Public Schools to ready students for future careers. And he ticked off the reasons more work and more “working together” are needed to keep the economy strong and create career opportunities to keep businesses in our region.

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