

News release



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District continues disaster planning work

Results of earlier survey rolled into draft plan now open for comment

“Thanks to all who responded to our [disaster planning survey](#)! Seventy of you took the time to help shape a direction for our [committee work](#),” was the report from Darcy Walker, the district’s construction manager in charge of disaster planning.”

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) received a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help school districts in Washington develop pre-disaster mitigation plans. OSPI sought district partners to work together on such planning. Everett Public Schools was one of 20 district partners who were selected by OSPI as a pilot group to develop mitigation plans before disaster strikes – in other words, plans that would help diminish loss of life and structural damage. Once the pilot group has finished its work, the program will be rolled out to all school districts.

“It’s exciting to be involved in work that will help shape the direction and ease the work of other school districts,” said Walker. “Although we are creating a plan specifically for our school district, what we learn in this process will be shared with other districts.

A [draft disaster plan is online](#) and ready for you to review and comment upon. As Walker explained, “The public’s collective insight and perspectives will help design a plan specifically for Everett Public Schools’ unique locations and needs. We welcome comments over the next month - through end of business on Monday, March 23.”

Please send your comments and suggestions to Darcy Walker at facilitiesplanning@everettsd.org or call 425-385-4197.

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