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Dear Colleague:

I hope today's sunshine burning through the morning fog served as a refreshing addition to our last day of school before many of us head off to a well-deserved spring break. And let's acknowledge that our custodial and maintenance crews will be here deep cleaning our schools and tending to a few maintenance projects that can't be done during school hours.

As we head into the week of break, I'm mindful that our schools have been wrestling with rapidly growing school enrollment for several years. The lack of space for our students has become a serious problem, and our school board is studying this issue to find long-term solutions for students across the district. Staff, parents, elected officials and members of our community joined the school board last evening at Jackson High School to learn more about high school capacities, our enrollment outlook, and options for addressing the impact on our high schools. Attendees also met one-on-one with board members to share their thoughts and concerns. Information from last night's meeting is available [online](#), you can see the overall [capital program](#) on our website, and you can provide your views by emailing the school board at [schoolboard@everettsd.org](mailto:schoolboard@everettsd.org).

As you head into break, please remember that phase two of our [Thoughtexchange](#) process will begin when you return. This provides you an opportunity to see what others have shared about enrollment growth and to help prioritize these thoughts for the school board. I encourage you to participate by adding your voice; it is welcome and essential to guide the school board's work.

I know how hard it is to find time during busy school days to reflect and savor our accomplishments. I sincerely hope you are able to take time over spring break to relax, enjoy special time with your loved ones and friends, and celebrate your accomplishments and your contributions to our work together. One thing that 36 years in this profession has taught me is that you are appreciated by many more people, and for more contributions to their lives, than you might think. I plan on a little relaxation time with family over the next week, to think about how fortunate I am to work with you in our Everett Public Schools. Best wishes for a relaxing and rejuvenating spring break,



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