

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORUM ON GROWTH AND CHANGE

### Community Comments:

(What concerns do you have? What are your thoughts or ideas? What else should we consider?)

- Concerned with plan C – bussing changes – 3 comments
- Communicate bond needs – better outreach
  - Communicate where past bond money has gone
  - PTA – engage our parent groups/lighthouse meetings
  - More notice for upcoming events
- Snohomish county is growing fast
- Excited about 1:1 student to computer ratio
- What other efforts (besides bond or levy) are being pursued? (private/business/PTSA)
- What programs can be cut (bottom of the list) to repurpose? Is there a list?
- Is there a way to fast track permits?
- Portables are fine, if they're more cost effective
- What percentage of property taxes are we missing from the growth/new homes? Is there a way to cover more?
- Concerned about boundary changes –need to request community input
- Concerns about Early Learning Center – only if profitable
- Early Learning Center – Should be a pay program – more pressing concerns
- Is there a way to get more money based on number of children per household?
- We have fabulous teachers! They need more support. If classes get bigger, they need even more support
- Like the idea of expanding school sites, instead of adding portables
- Fourth HS – has the district decided on boundary lines?
- Class size, intervention, math intervention, using staff to help with decreased class size, have qualified staff to support
- District needs more Town Hall style meetings – good to hear from group
- Need to have conversations about re-boundary
  - More effort into conversation with community
  - Bias in the district about high schools
- Concerned about impact on teachers, do they have a say? Impacts on students
- Don't like portables (off putting)
- Like altering schedules – year round school
- I have students at Cascade. Cafeteria does not have enough space, long lines, some don't eat, can go hungry, lunch is one of two meals
  - Also need to update the track – not inspiring, not attractive
  - Pride from presence
  - Staff feel more vulnerable in portables

- What about staffing? Will we add more staff? (office, paraeducators, attendance, etc.)
- New high school is important
- Behavior issues in classes – SPED classes with behavior related to staffing (more paraeducator support may help)
- Bus barn in south end good
- Security cameras are great at Cascade
- When is the bond going on ballot? Many people in my neighborhood will vote for it because they are older and don't have kids in school
- Staggered schedule needs to be K-12 (year-round school) – I like it!
- The portables will not make it easier for instruction
- Concern about not being able to have enough teachers
- The portables are not going to be enough – the space and man power is too great
- Don't see a choice – we need a new high school (I hate portables)
- JHS situation worries me – taking over the tennis courts, kids need those activities as much as they need academics. For me it is worth paying more taxes.
- Regarding Silver Lake, the parents would like to have security when students come in and leave because there have been some cars that do not respect the speed limit or the lane where they should stay (*Note – the school principal will follow up on this with Everett Police*).
- Everett has grown so much in the past years I think it will be useful to have a high school
- We are looking at the level of elementary. We have seen the growth and teachers have so much more work because of the class size
- From 10 years ago, this area has seen a lot of growth in jobs. This state has had a lot of growth in work, jobs and schools
- Security of their children worries them. Cascade High School is very open – anyone can come in. Very easy access for strangers
- Do schools all have cameras? Is there someone monitoring those? Do they continually monitor the cameras at Cascade? (Because of all the things that have been going on, the shootings, that's what makes me worry.
- At Cascade, are the students allowed to use marijuana? Is there a way to check them? – Use of marijuana on district property, or at district events, is prohibited.