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Let's talk about growth

School board hosts three May conversations about student enrollment growth

- Tuesday, May 15, Cascade High School cafeteria, 6 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 17, Everett High School cafeteria, 6 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 29, Jackson High School annex, 6-7:30 p.m.

In February, the school district Capital Bond request earned a majority of voters' support – 55.4 percent. However, the final voter talley was just over four percent shy of the state's 60 percent supermajority requirement for school construction projects.

When school board members met in study session on April 17, they discussed what to do in the aftermath of voter sentiment. Although the board did not take official action about any future construction bond proposals, members did express a desire for regional meetings to talk about student enrollment management.

As Superintendent Gary Cohn, notes in his <u>webpage message</u>, the board asked for:

- 1. **More time** for public engagement, information gathering, and information sharing before placing another Capital Bond request before voters.
- More time for more public discussions and information gathering before the board makes decisions about enrollment-growth solutions that do **not** include a fourth comprehensive high school.

During the three regional sessions, the board hopes to gather opinions about (1) high school boundary changes to better balance our comprehensive high schools' enrollments, (2) schedule change options for Jackson High School (for example, double shifting), and (3) accommodating enrollment growth at Jackson High School with portable classroom additions.

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