

Welcome to the La Center School District website. On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff I thank you for taking an interest in our schools.

La Center is very fortunate to have a team of dedicated administrators, teachers and support staff that want the best for our students. We also greatly benefit from community members that have been very supportive and eager to volunteer in the many programs and school activities that are offered.

Not only does our district provide a safe learning environment for our children but also has taken on the goal of making our students life-long learners, incorporating a learning model known as *Learning to Learn*. The district's learning model centers on maximizing three learning conditions within the classroom: 1) Flow of Information; 2) Cognitive Demand; and 3) Learning Trust. Our staff has taken ownership in this and works to inspire our children in taking ownership in their own education as they will be the benefactors of becoming ever-stronger thinkers and learners. Unlike the process that encourages a "memorize, regurgitate and forget" cycle, that for many students, only causes them to learn how to endure the experience. This ultimately causes students to dislike school, rather than love learning, which should be our ultimate goal in education.

We as a School Board are very interested in all facets of our district. We hold regular linkage meetings with staff, students from all three campuses, community and just recently added the leadership team from the city of La Center. We listen; make improvements and adjustments where needed and feasibly possible.

Our most important job as Board Members is finding the right fit in hiring the School Superintendent for our district. We feel we hit the ball out of the park, as Dr. Mark Mansell is an inspirational leader who is doing an exceptional job in motivating not only staff but students as well. Please feel free to contact him, or any of our board members, with any comments, questions or concerns you may have.

Again, thank you for visiting our website. We appreciate your interest in our district, community and our youth, the leaders of tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Bob Taylor