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The 2018-19 school year was once again a very exciting and successful period for the La Center School District. School board members, teachers, administrators, parents and students worked together as a community to meet many of our goals, some of which were established at the beginning of the year and some that we have been working on for a long time.

The district was able to agree to three-year contracts with both our teacher's association and our classified union. This will give the district financial stability in the near term and allow us to concentrate on meeting the growth and changing dynamics of our district. As we have all observed, our community is growing at an alarming rate and the district has the duty to house and educate all students that enroll due to this growth.

Working with our architects and taking comments and input from staff and community members we were able to complete the design for the new middle school by the end of the year and are now in the bidding process with groundbreaking to commence in the spring of 2020. The projected move-in date is August of 2021.

Our high school graduation rate and our high school math and English language arts scores on state tests continue to far outpace the state averages. We were able to prepare our students for this success while not increasing our local tax collection, even though the state legislature allowed districts statewide to do so. Our board maintained its commitment to holding the line on property taxes while many other districts around us raised their collections even without a new vote.

We all look forward to a productive 2019-20 school year during which we will work to oversee the construction of the new middle school, increase graduation rates to even higher percentages, guard taxpayer resources and maintain the assets that the community has entrusted us with.

Dave Holmes
Superintendent
About La Center Schools...

Total Enrollment: 1725
Oct. 2018

Number of Teachers: 103

Average Years Of Experience: 18.1

% of Teachers With Master’s Degrees or Higher: 69%

Average Student/Teacher Ratio: 18

Race/Ethnicity:
- White: 89%
- Hispanic/Latino of any race: 6.7%
- Two or more races: 2.7%
- Asian: 0.5%
- Black/African American: 0.5%
- American Indian/Alaska Native: 0.4%
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander: 0.2%

Number Of Students/Grade Level:

Free & Reduced Lunch Program: 20.3%
Free—250, Reduced—92

Class of 2019:
- Total Graduates: 122
- Graduation Rate: 93.1%

Class of 2019:
- College Bound (4 Year): 29
- College Bound (2 Year): 31
- Vocational School: 60
The La Center School District is a great place to work and boasts small class sizes, highly qualified staff, and a low employee turnover rate. Parents and community members support the mission of La Center School District through their involvement in our school programs and active volunteerism. For more information about why La Center is a great place to live and work, visit the district’s employment page to see openings and to apply online.

www.lacenterschools.org/human-resources-portal/
A Smattering of Great Stuff!!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Weekly Art Specialist: Because of our full-time art teacher, every class had time each week to explore the amazing world of art. Students painted, weaved and did printmaking, to name just a few activities. A district-wide art show with over 800 pieces of art gave the community a glimpse of the amazing artistic abilities of our LCES students. There were about 300 people in attendance at both the elementary and HS campuses.

Leadership Clubs: Student-led club activities included: Bobcat Ambassadors, Bobcat Bike Team, Clean Team, Historians, Landscape Leadership Team, Paw Print Team, Recess Medics and the Recycling Team.

Schoolwide Program: The Schoolwide Program was successfully implemented in September, 2018 with 13 paraeducators overseen by a TOSA. The program offers expanded, embedded paraeducator support for each classroom, additional supervision of the playground and cafeteria along with increased connection between students, teachers, paraeducators and parents.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Olweus Bullying Program: The middle school piloted a bullying program called the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP). The MS has established 4 anti-bullying rules: 1) We will not bully others 2) We will try to help students who are bullied 3) We will try to include students who are left out and 4) If we know that somebody is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and an adult at home.

We Are Silent Campaign: On Jan. 15th, many MS students participated in the pledge to be silent for 24 hours and to fundraise towards a selected cause through Free the Children. Participants were able to direct the money they raised through this campaign to go for items such as school kits ($25), bundles of baby chicks ($25), a goat ($50), primary education for 1 child ($50), clean water for a family for life ($250), one year of healthy lunches for 10 students ($250), or a farm animal bundle ($250). In total, our students raised $1280.15.

Ed Tutors: We had 51 7th and 8th grade students working with multiple elementary classrooms to assist students with reading, math, and many other fun activities. This year, we placed some of the more responsible students in the 6th grade classrooms to help out their younger peers. It was a really positive experience for everyone involved.

HIGH SCHOOL

Knowledge Bowl took 1st in districts and 6th at state. The environmental studies program received a Platinum Award from Green Schools for the 2nd year in a row. Drama put on one play, “The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail,” and one musical, “Peter and the Starcatcher.” The challenge course raised sufficient funds to install a climbing tower. Select choir won 1st place in a K103 radio contest and sang on the air last December. LCHS band went on a field trip to Disneyland and received a plaque in recognition for supporting the arts.

Trico League Standings: 3rd Place: girls soccer and track. 2nd Place: football, boys XC, wrestling and baseball, girls basketball and softball. 1st Place: girls XC, volleyball and boys basketball.

District 4 Standings: 4th Place: boys XC and baseball, girls basketball and track. 2nd Place: volleyball. 1st Place: girls XC, boys basketball, equestrian and swim (4 Firsts).

1A State Standings: 5th place: boys basketball. 3rd Place: girls XC. Swim won 1 Third Place, 1 Second Place, 1 First Place & All Region Swimmer of the Year: Hailey Grotte.
The McCleary Decision has led to significant changes in how K-12 education is funded in Washington. In an attempt to increase equity, the Washington legislature reduced the amount school districts could request in levy dollars at the same time they increased the amount the state collects and redistributes to all the schools in Washington.

For 2019, levies were capped at $1.25 per $1000 of home value (the 2018 levy rate was $2.58), but the cap was raised for 2020 to $2.50. When we ran the levy vote in February of 2019, the district made a commitment to stick to the $1.25 levy lid even though, by law, we could raise it to $2.50. Understanding that, we recently asked the taxpayers to pass a bond for the new middle school. We have stuck to this commitment and will not raise the levy lid beyond $1.25 without taxpayer approval.
The La Center School Board

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**Upcoming School Board Meetings**

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**CONTACT US**

We welcome any comments or suggestions from parents and community members. Citizens’ comments are also welcome at La Center School Board meetings normally held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., in the La Center High School Library. Visit us at www.lacenterschools.org or follow us on Facebook for the latest District news.