La Center School District
ANNUAL REPORT
2019-20
Together We Can Do Great Things

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The mission of the La Center School District is to create a supportive environment that empowers students to reach their fullest potential. We fulfill our mission with the partnership of families, the community and employees working together to create lifelong learners who can adapt to a changing, more technologically advanced and diverse society.

Message from the Superintendent

Dear La Center Families,

The 2019-2020 school year certainly didn’t lack surprises. When the Governor closed schools in the beginning of March due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our entire district found itself in a challenging and unprecedented situation. The district needed to pivot drastically to provide online learning via a subpar community transmission grid with little notice to staff who were willing to learn, but unfamiliar with how to teach on this new platform. Additionally, and probably most importantly, our students were as unprepared and unfamiliar as our staff.

But we didn’t let these hardships stop us! Over the end of the last school year and the first half of the next, I couldn’t be more impressed and proud of the dedication of our staff, the hard work of our students and the understanding of our families as we made the shift to full online learning. We distributed over 1000 chromebooks to our students across the district. Our staff has attended thousands of hours of training and our families have undergone scheduling changes to make online learning the best it can be under the circumstances.

Our seniors waited until August in the hopes of being able to have a traditional graduation, but alas, the COVID-19 virus permanently nixed those wishes and we were left with a drive-through ceremony that was well-attended but left everyone nostalgic for the return of our traditions.

In closing, I want you to know that the entire district looks forward to the day the health department decides we can safely return every student to the classroom. Don’t lose hope, that time will come. By continuing to work together, sooner rather than later, our lives and educational routines will return to normal.

Thank you,

Dave Holmes
Superintendent
OSPI Report Card Statistics

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak closures, most standardized assessments were not offered during the 2019-2020 school year.
Come work with Us!

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/
La Center School District Mission

- **Ends 1** - The mission of the La Center School District is to create a supportive learning environment that empowers students to reach their fullest potential. We will do this in partnership with families, the community, staff, and students to develop confident and self-reliant life-long learners who can thrive in a rapidly changing, more technologically advanced and diverse society.
- **Ends 2** - Academic and Learner Competencies Achievement
- **Ends 3** - Personal Skill Development
- **Ends 4** - Social Skills Development

**Goal 1: All students in the La Center School District will show growth in their content areas.**

- CTE: Broaden our CTE work between middle school and high school focusing on the 21st Century Skills
- STEM: Continue to build on our three-year plan for STEM looking toward strong leadership within PBL instruction within LCSD
- Incorporate 21st Century Skills within our system as it pertains to the Ends Policy
- Monitor and adjust lessons based on formative assessment strategies to inform instruction and react in a timely manner to student challenges.

Measurement: Building and classroom data, State test scores, Graduation rate

**Goal 2: Students who struggle in their learning in Grades P-12 will be analyzed and provided supports through Multi-Tiered Systems of Support/Student Intervention Teams.**

- Building teams collaborate with formative assessment data on potential Tier 1 and Tier 2 supports that can occur in the general education classroom.
- Title 1 Building wide program for LCES
- Work with students to mitigate barriers to student learning through a tiered system of supports. Assist with students becoming self-sufficient in their efforts to support themselves in their own learning.

Measurement: Special Education Referral Rates (Movement to Tier 3), Movement between Tier 1 & Tier 2, Survey / Perception Data, ES Panorama

**Goal 3: All students in the La Center School District will develop the social skills to be a confident and self-reliant learner in a complex and rapidly changing world.**

- Construct a communication plan with multiple forms of communication in and around our school and broader community.
- All students feel safe and welcome and are valued members of our school community.
- Students will experience an improved climate and culture through resiliency
- Wellness Policy

Measurement: Healthy Youth Survey, Social-Emotional Surveys, MS Bullying Student Survey (Olweus Fall 2018), After School Activity Participation Numbers
A Smattering of Great Stuff!!

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Our students worked hard on student led club opportunities throughout the year. Some of these opportunities included:

**Bobcat Ambassadors**: grades 4/5 leading many events and efforts throughout the school year

**Bobcat Bike Club**: grades 4/5, setting up and riding bikes weekly

**Historians**: grades 3-5, video/photo responsibilities, learning videos, photos for slideshow, newsletters and more

**Landscape Leadership Team**: grades 3-5, designing and leading landscaping projects, building wood structures, and more

**Paw Print Team**: grades 3-5, painting and repainting paw prints to designate mindful zones on campus

**Recess Medics**: grades 4/5, supporting students at designated recess with bandages, injury support, and escorting injured or ill to office/nurse

**Recycling Team**: grades 3-5, recycling weekly to take school recyclables to recycling container

**Crossing Guard**: grades 4-5, support safe crossing before and after school

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Honor Roll/Academic Improvements**: 30 students improved their overall GPA by 0.5 points or more between last year’s second semester and this year’s first semester. A total of 145 students made honor roll.

**Classroom Removal Improvements**: The MS implemented “restorative practices” in an attempt to keep students in class. Instead of sending a student directly out of class, a series of steps were implemented leading to a 92% reduction in red slips/referrals during the first semester (from 123 trips for 28 students down to 10 trips for 7 students).

**Math Is Cool**: 11 students participated in the Regional Championship ‘Math is Cool’ competition at Skyview High School in February. An 8th grade team and two 6th grade teams attended the competition. One 6th grade team and the 8th grade team qualified for the masters level state competition.

**HIGH SCHOOL**

**Vocational Programs** La Center High School currently provides programs in: business, keyboarding and computer applications and industrial arts (which includes small engine repair, woods 1 and woods 2 and metals 1 and metals 2). In 2019-2020 we added Google Suites, accounting, Microsoft Office, personal finance, residential construction/onsite learning and CTE/environmental studies. ASB club activities such as FBLA and Leo’s Club support the curriculum in these vocational programs.

**Trico League Standings**: 3rd Place: Volleyball. 2nd Place: Boy’s Basketball. 1st Place: Football, Girl’s Soccer, Girl’s XC, Boys XC, Boy’s Golf, Girl’s Basketball, Wrestling.

**District 4 Standings**: 3rd Place: Girl’s Basketball and Girl’s Soccer. 2nd Place: Boy’s XC. 1st Place: Football, Girl’s XC, Boy’s Golf, Boy’s Basketball

**1A State Standings**: 3rd Place: Girl’s XC.

Individual State Finishers: 14th Place: Roselynn Martin (XC), 7th Place: Natasha Lewis (XC), 6th Place: Hunter Mallicoat (Wrestling), 4th Place: Bryanna Ungs (Swimming), State Champion: Bryanna Ungs (Swimming, 1 event), Hailey Grotte (Swimming, 2 events)

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LCHS CLASS OF 2020
Challenge Accepted!

In a year full of unique challenges, the seniors were forced to confront the most difficult losses, prom, graduation and the ‘last day of school’ were all lost due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Under such extreme circumstances, making graduation special for our seniors wasn’t easy, but we did everything we could. On June 13th we held a parade for the seniors through the streets of La Center, the community did a wonderful job of coming out and expressing appreciation for our graduates. Graduation itself was held in a drive-through fashion with student’s staying socially distanced but nevertheless getting the opportunity to walk across the stage and get their diplomas.

Class of 2020

- College Bound (4 Year) 27%
- Vocational School 1%
- College Bound (2 Year) 31%
- Military 1%
- Work/Unknown 40%

113 Total Graduates

Class of 2019
Graduation Rate 93%
(113/122)
The La Center School Board

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**Upcoming School Board Meetings**

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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 7:00pm, in the La Center High School Library. Visit us at www.lacenterschools.org or follow us on Facebook for the latest District news.