

2014-15 Budget Process and Timeline

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Thank you for your input throughout our annual budget development process on our Priorities for Progress in support of The Bellingham Promise. Please [click here](#) for a brochure of 2014-15 Budget Highlights and a slideshow.

The School Board finalized the budget on June 26, 2014.

Budget Process Timeline 2014

Times/Dates	Communication Method	Purpose	Status
December 2013- Summer 2014	Regular budget updates via website, email and newsletters.	Keep students, staff, families and community informed regarding Legislative updates and budget development process.	Ongoing
January - February 2014	Issue call for above-baseline requests (what is not currently funded) and budget reduction proposals.	Principals and district leaders work with staff and school communities to determine priorities and make recommendations to the Department of Teaching and Learning and Finance and Operations.	Complete
March 12-18, 2014	Gather Feedback on Priorities for Progress through an online survey.	Superintendent shares and gathers feedback and ideas from all staff and families to help form draft budget.	Complete
March 2014	Review above-baseline requests and budget reduction proposals.	The Deputy Superintendent/Executive Director of Teaching and Learning (for instructional-related staffing and items) and Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations (for facility and operational-related	Complete

		staffing and items) review proposals and continuing processing with principals and staff to establish priorities and recommendations.	
March - April 2014	Build draft budget.	Staff uses available information, requests and feedback to build draft budget.	Complete
April - May 2014	Present draft budget and gather feedback.		Complete
May - June 2014	Incorporate feedback and develop final budget.		Complete
June 2014	School Board adopts 2014-15 budget.		