

# 2020-21 BUDGET



# KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH 2019-20 BUDGET

- Managed closure and crisis of **COVID-19**
- **EDI work:** protests, current events in late May, early June 2020
- Managed significant crisis and media inquiries regarding **incidents** at some of our schools
- Voters approved our operations and technology and capital **levies** in February 2020
- Finalized and shared The Bellingham Promise with its newest key strategy – **Equity Diversity and Inclusion** as well as a new **School Board Equity Policy**
- Finalized and shared **new attendance areas** for 2021-22 school year
- Hosted first ever **districtwide family night**
- Dr. Baker named State Superintendent of the Year
- School board received **Excellence in Equity award**
- Introduced and executed **new school menu**
- Completed renovations of transportation **bus garage**
- Managed a week of **school closures** in January 2020 due to snow

# BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

**February:** Shared preliminary thinking about budget, appreciation for voter support of levies

**April:** Presented draft budget update & gathered feedback.

**June:** Developed proposed budget; share budget update in June.

**July:** Adopt budget.

# BUDGET FEEDBACK

- Approve of investment in **Special Education, educational technology coaches** and **paraeducators**
- Support **math intervention** at Title I schools, ongoing work at **Central Kitchen**
- Questions about **student wellness, counseling** support
- Encourage a focus on small **class sizes**
- Questions about contingencies, scaling back the budget and **plans for cuts**
- Encourage more focus on **remote learning**/planning for online school
- Increased need for **school nurses**, a focus on **school safety**

# KEY ASPECTS OF 2020-21 BUDGET

- The Bellingham Promise strategy of **innovation and flexibility** will continue to be a focal point next year to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- State: be **conservative** about the budget for the 2020-21 school year.
- While we are proposing some modest new investments for 2020-21 school year, we will be ready to **adjust** as needed.

MATERIALS,  
SUPPLIES AND  
OPERATING  
COSTS (MSOC)



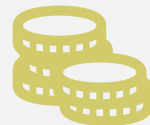
State funding:

\$14.2 million



District budgeted spending:

\$17.0 million



Excess local spending

**\$2.8 million**

# CAPITAL PROJECTS

- High School fields
- Elementary schools:  
Alderwood, Parkview, Sunnyland
- District Office
- Gordon Carter Environmental  
Education Site
- Shuksan Middle School



THANK YOU!

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS?

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