

ELEMENTARY EQUITY PROJECT

A collaboration between Elementary Parent Groups
with support from
Bellingham Public Schools Foundation and Bellingham Public Schools

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VIDEO

Please check out the video that was created in 2019:

<https://bellingham.wistia.com/medias/gp9bb0ue1e>

This is a great informational piece to share with your Board, at a PTA/PTO meeting, on social media, and emailed to families.

TEXT

(Great for accompanying the video, include in school newsletters, parent group email.)

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Meanwhile, other parent groups are limited in their ability to raise the resources needed to provide the same important programs and opportunities for their schools.

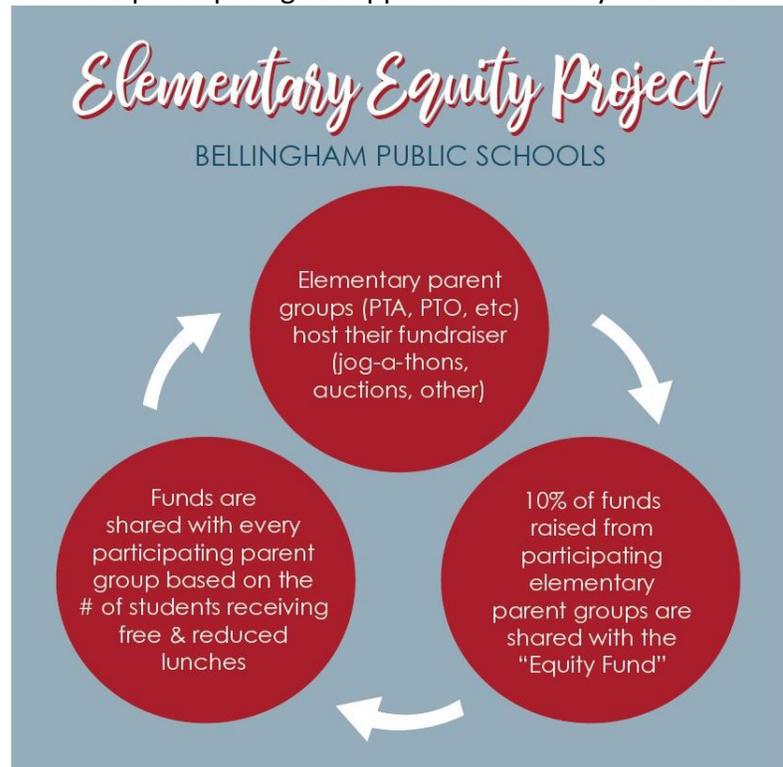
The "Elementary Equity Project" invites all parent groups to continue fundraising (jog-a-thons, auctions, etc.) and then share 10% to an "equity fund." Funds raised will be disbursed to all participating parent groups based on the number of students receiving free and reduced lunch. *This project acknowledges that each school has children in need but gives greater support to those schools with higher needs.*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Elementary Equity Fund will pay out once or twice a year and schools receiving support will be able to spend funds at their discretion. The goal of the Elementary Equity Project is to increase opportunity for every child across the district.

All funds raised from the Elementary Parent Project are disbursed back to Elementary parent groups. The District and Foundation staff are participating as support and advisory members.

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HOW IT WORKS:

- Suggested 10% given should be based on the current year's actual fundraising income.
- Free and reduced meal numbers for each school will be used to calculate the disbursement back to each parent group.
- Parent groups are encouraged to submit their contribution this fall so we can disburse funds back as soon as possible in order to support students and schools for the remainder of the year.
- 10% sharing checks should be sent to the Foundation BPSF, P.O. Box 1132, Bellingham, WA 98227.
- All funds will be returned to parent groups, no money stays with the Foundation.

If you would like to connect with any of the parent group leaders, please visit:

<https://bellingshamschools.org/partners-in-funding/elementary-contacts/>

Join our Facebook Group: Elementary Schools United

This is a private group for Elementary Parent Group leaders to be able to ask questions and share ideas.

If you have any questions, please call the Foundation team at **360.676.6479**
or email **Kathy.dooley@bellingshamschools.org**. We'd love to hear from you!