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Democratic candidates dominate initial election results across Washington state



By MARIO LOTMORE

For the latest election results, scan the QR code to the right. The results in this article are as of Tuesday, August 2, 2022.



Despite record inflation, rising crime and increasing geopolitical tensions, initial election results show Democratic candidates overwhelmingly dominate races across Washington state. Trump-backed congressional candidates failed to advance to the General Election.

In a tweet Tuesday night, Tina Podlodowski, Chair of the Washington State Democratic Party, mocked the Republican mantra of an impending “red wave” by stating, “No red wave, no red puddle, no red drop.”

Washington State Republican Party Chairman Caleb Heimlich has not yet released a statement regarding Tuesday night’s election performance by his party but did retweet support for can-

didate Tiffany Smiley.

FEDERAL ELECTIONS

In the greatest political upset for Republicans, Senatorial candidate Tiffany Smiley (31.96%) is trailing Democratic incumbent Patty Murray (54%) by 22 points. According to FEC filings, the Smiley campaign has spent approximately \$4.8 million. In her previous reelection bid in 2016, Senator Murray performed similarly with 53.82% of the vote.

Both U.S. House Republican incumbents, Jaime Herrera Beutler (WA-03) and Dan Newhouse (WA-04), who voted to impeach former U.S. President Donald J Trump appears to be facing Democratic challengers in November. Trump-backed Republican challenger Joe Kent fell short of the votes needed to either “primary” Beutler or to advance. The same can be said for former gubernatorial candidate Loren Culp in his bid to oust Newhouse. It is almost certain that Newhouse will retain his seat in November and Beutler will face Democrat Marie Gluesenkamp

Perez.

Both Snohomish County Congressional candidates Suzan DelBene (WA-01) and Rick Larsen (WA-02) sailed to victory with 63.7% and 48.41% respectively. DelBene will face Mill Creek Councilman Vincent Cavaleri (R) and Larsen will face Mukilteo resident and retired Air Force Lt. Colonel Dan Matthews. In his bid for reelection, Larsen faced nine other challengers including a fellow Democrat, Jason Call, who garnered 13.29% of the vote. Larsen should pull off a November victory with a nearly 60% majority of the vote.

“I could not be more grateful for the support our campaign received tonight,” Congressman Larsen released in a statement to the Lynnwood Times. “While there are still many more votes to be counted – and we must count every vote – tonight’s results reflect the work, values, and shared commitment of so many supporters and volunteers across Northwest Washington. I want to extend to each and every one of you my personal note of

thanks.”

In a glimmer of hope for Republicans to flip a congressional seat, incumbent Democrat Congresswoman Kim Schrier (WA-08) appears vulnerable with 49.4% of the vote. Her Republican challengers secured 46.68% of the vote. It appears that a nasty battle between Republican candidates Reagan Dunn and Jesse Jensen opened the door to former Attorney General candidate Matt Larkin (R) who is holding a 970-vote lead for the second slot on the November ballot.

Incumbent Republican Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-05) and incumbent Democrats Derek Kilmer (WA-06), Parmila Jayapal (WA-07), Adam Smith (WA-09) and Marilyn Strickland (WA-10), will advance to the primary and are most likely to retain their seats.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Incumbent Steve Hobbs garnered 41.2% of the vote to

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Lynnwood Times journalists win multiple WNPA 2022 Better Newspaper awards

By KIENAN BRISCOE

The Lynnwood Times is proud to announce it will be receiving multiple awards at Washington Newspaper Publishers Association’s (WNPA) 135th annual Convention this October 7 through 9 as part of its 2022 Better Newspaper Contest.

Washington Newspaper Publishers Association is an advocate for community newspapers, freedom of the press and open government. The association is dedicated to helping members advance editorial excellence, financial viability, professional development, and a high standard of publication quality and community leadership.

Reporters who will be winning one or more award, in the categories of News and Digital, are Bo John Brusco, Kienan Briscoe, Mario Lotmore, and Olivia Thiessen.

The awardees will learn more about their specific awards, and how many they receive, at the BNC Awards Ceremony on Saturday, October 8.

ABOUT AWARD-WINNER MARIO LOTMORE

Lynnwood Times Publisher Mario Lotmore is originally from the Bahamas and for the last seven years has called Mukilteo, WA his home. Having lived in every region of the United States has exposed him to various cultures, people, and approaches to life.

Lotmore created the Lynnwood Times to represent the character of a diverse and growing Lynnwood believing the launching of the city’s community newspaper will only help bring neighborhoods together.

Lotmore was an industrial engineer by trade and proven success implementing and managing lean accountable processes and policies within his eighteen years of operations excellence, strategic development, and project manage-

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Secretary of State Steve Hobbs on statewide election integrity tour

By MARIO LOTMORE

ARLINGTON—Washington Secretary of State Steve Hobbs was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Arlington on Thursday, July 28, to answer questions on election integrity and cybersecurity and share the latest initiatives of his agency.

Hobbs, a 17-year Rotarian has been traveling the state from Spokane to Walla Walla, Vancouver to now Arlington and plans on continuing the public outreach tour throughout the year.

“We need to get the word out about elections,” Secretary Hobbs told the Lynnwood Times at the meeting. “We have to start at the grassroots level. You know, not everyone’s gonna see public service announcements on the election. Hopefully, as I go to each city, the word will spread, and we could kind of bring down the percentage of people that think that the elections are rigged.”

In a July CNN poll, 61% of Americans said they are concerned about election integrity. Hobbs shared that in addition to strengthening its relationship with the Air National Guard’s Cyber Defense Unit, the SOS Office was able to procure additional funding and is now in the process of forming a team to address the areas of misinformation and disinformation, voter outreach, and education.

His agency is focused ensuring all 39 counties have what they need to pro-



Secretary of State Steve Hobbs (left) with Club President Joe Klein at the Rotary Club of Arlington on Thursday, July 28, 2022, addressing questions on election integrity. Photo Courtesy of Stephanie Prentice.

tect the integrity of the state’s election system from offering cyber security expertise to communication outreach. Hobbs was appointed by Governor Jay Inslee in November of last year, replacing Kim Wyman for Secretary of State who accepted a job with the Biden administration.

Prior to his appointment to Secretary of State, Hobbs, a native Washingtonian, represented the 44th Legislative District in the state Senate since 2007. He also serves as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Washington State National Guard and is a 32-year U.S. Army

veteran. Possessing both a Master of Public Administration from the University of Washington and a security clearance from the National Security Agency (NSA), he recently completed Defense Information School through the U.S. Department of Defense and has additional training for officers from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

“This really prepared me for this position that is uniquely challenging because of the cyber threats, misinformation and disinformation that is pressuring elections and unfortunately

creating this animosity, this distrust towards elections,” said Hobbs when asked how his military background prepared him for the state’s chief election official. “You saw January 6; you saw what happened in our state Capital. We just can’t have that anymore. We can’t take elections for granted.”

One of the key criticisms stemming back to Hobbs’ predecessor Kim Wyman was from former gubernatorial candidate Loren Culp regarding the integrity of the voter rosters. Hobbs told the Lynnwood Times that the state’s voter roster is routinely maintained.

“I always hear this...that we need to clean the roster,” Hobbs said. “What do they mean by that [cleaning]? Who are they trying to get rid of, right?”

He added, “I don’t know what they’re trying to do when they say we need to clean the voter rolls, but we do have to maintain the rolls and they are being maintained”

ELECTION INTEGRITY: THE ERIC SYSTEM AND THE ALBERT SENSOR

Washington utilizes both the ERIC System and the Albert Sensor. According to its website, ERIC stands for Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) and Washington was one of six other states that pioneered its formation. As of October 2021, there

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ment in the aerospace, manufacturing, and banking industries. Over his career he has saved and created hundreds of union and non-union jobs. Lotmore is the President of a Homeowner Association, an active Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics volunteer in his community, and former Boeing 747 Diversity Council leader.

Lotmore’s talent is finding “that recipe” of shared destiny to effectively improve the quality of life for others.

Lotmore has 1215 articles and counting with the Lynnwood Times.

ABOUT AWARD-WINNER BO JOHN BRUSCO

Reporter Bo John Brusco earned his BA in English Education in 2018 and a MA in New Media Journalism in 2021. In addition to writing for the Times, he periodically contributes to consider-

this.one.

Brusco values local news stories and believes they play an integral role in maintaining a healthy community.

Brusco been with the Lynnwood Times since 2021 contributing 159 articles and counting.

ABOUT AWARD-WINNER KIENAN BRISCOE

Staff Reporter Michael Kienan Briscoe (who’s preferred name is his middle) has a BA in Journalism from Arizona State University and has worked as a reporter for a variety of publications and organizations throughout both the New York City and Seattle areas. In addition to being a staff writer for the Lynnwood Times he contributes special reports to Pulitzer Prize finalist the Puget Sound Business Journal and has contributed to campus news at the University of Washington.

When he is not reporting he enjoys writing fiction, authoring three novels and a book of poetry, playing music, reading, and getting outdoors.

Briscoe has been with the Lynnwood Times since 2021 and has contributed 247 articles and counting.

ABOUT AWARD-WINNER OLIVIA THEISSEN

Reporter Olivia Theissen graduated with her master’s in Curriculum and Instruction in English in 2020. While completing her degree, Olivia worked

as a college grammar and composition teacher and wrote for various magazines and websites. She spent the last year writing secondary English and history textbooks but has recently shifted gears to focus on writing for the media.

Theissen believes journalism is the greatest tool within a free society and is passionate about bringing truth to local citizens.

Theissen has contributed 32 articles to the Lynnwood Times.

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Lynnwood awards \$14 million contract for CRC despite public opposition



Lynnwood City Council, January 2022.

By KIENAN BRISCOE

LYNNWOOD—Despite a vehemently opposing public comment section, the Lynnwood City Council voted to approve a contract award for the new Community Recovery Center (CRC) at Monday’s Business Meeting, July 25, with all council members voting in favor except Councilman Joshua Binda who chose to abstain.

The approved contract award will go to FORMA Construction Company in the amount of \$14,279,566, with change orders up to 10% the contract amount, to build the City’s new, controversial, Community Recovery Center. FORMA was found to be the lowest, most responsive, and most responsible bidder, out of two, after the City issued a formal advertised invitation to bid on the project.

The public comments leading up to the vote were contentious, spanning over an hour, unanimously urging the coun-

cil to abandon the project. Despite their opposition, Councilman Patrick Decker moved to approve the construction contract, seconded by Council President George Hurst.

“I support this motion. We’ve had extensive conversations, we’ve had great support from across the community, from our state leadership, local leadership, and county leadership,” Councilman Decker said.

Councilwoman Shannon Sessions dismissed many of the public’s comments stating that the city has consulted focus groups and health care professionals who have “100% agreed” the Recovery Center is needed to address the region’s ongoing behavioral health issues.

“To hear just random community members, some of them who aren’t even in our city, say this isn’t the right

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Rep. Lauren Davis clears the air on CRC misinformation



LYNNWOOD – At last week’s Lynnwood City Council Business Meeting Monday, July 25, council voted to approve a construction contract

for its new Community Recovery Center (CRC) after being met by a slew of opposing public comments. Councilwoman Shannon Sessions responded to the opposition stating the CRC was recommended by behavioral health experts and urged the public to have conversations with these experts themselves to have a better understanding of what the CRC will provide.

Representative Lauren Davis (LD-32), who was brought in to co-chair a Justice Center Project Taskforce after the city decided to reimagine its Community Justice Center following an in-custody suicide, echoed Sessions’ response adding that many of the comments at last week’s meeting were simply “misinformed”.

“After listening to some of the public

comments regarding the Community Recovery Center at Monday’s Council meeting, it appears that there may be some misinformation regarding what the CRC is and what it isn’t,” Davis said.

One of the biggest misinformation spreading, Davis told the Lynnwood Times, is that the CRC will be some sort of “carceral mental health facility” or that it will be an involuntary treatment ward. Both of these portrayals are inaccurate, according to Davis; The CRC will simply serve individuals over the age of 18 who are experiencing a mental health or substance use-related crisis.

“The CRC model is the opposite of coercive: it is person-centered and the majority of the staff will be peers—trained professionals who have themselves overcome mental health challenges, addiction, trauma, homelessness, and incarceration. Peers deal in the currency of hope and motivation. Most importantly, the peers will reflect the diversity of the community being served,” said Davis.

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Nick Coelho named 2021 Lynnwood Park Champion



Nicholas Coelho after his jog and finding out he was the first recipient of our City's Park Champion award. Source: Nicholas Coelho.

By KIENAN BRISCOE

LYNNWOOD—The Lynnwood Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Department (PRCA) named Nick Coelho as its 2021 Park Champion for his advocacy with park improvements, support of the Friends of Scriber Lake Park, and general dedication to the advancement of parks and recreation in Lynnwood.

“I thought it was awesome. I wasn’t looking for an award like that but I do feel appreciated and I’m looking forward to seeing other people in our community be appreciated for the work they put in; I already know a hand full of people who I would nominate next time,” Coelho told the Lynnwood Times.

Coelho has been a cheerleader for Lynnwood parks for many years, sitting on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board since April of 2019, and participating in many of the volunteer efforts the Parks Department hosts. Most recently he participated in a weed pulling effort at Scriber Lake Park and helped the city plant new trees for Arbor Day.

“I always try to take part in that stuff because I think it’s important for people who live in those areas to be stewards of public lands and I think, in general, that’s kind of how volunteers work,” Coelho said.

In addition to volunteering his time to help beautify the City’s parks, Coelho is also a frequent park visitor jogging down to South Lynnwood Park almost daily,

which is about a half mile from where he lives. He informed the Lynnwood Times that since the City reinvested in the park’s maintenance he has noticed a resurgence of visitors return, even late into the evening playing pickleball or grilling dinner.

“It really makes a difference,” Coelho said.

Since 2019, Lynnwood’s Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department has recognized its staff who have been outstanding in some regard the previous year in an annual PRCA Excellence Awards Ceremony given in a variety of categories including: Key Contributor, Equity Champion, Innovation Spirit, and Customer Hero.

In addition to these categories, the City has an additional category for a “Park Champion” award that is an honor bestowed upon a city employee from another department or a community member.

Other Park Champion recipients include Bill Frantz, Public Works Director, who was awarded in 2020 and Sallyann Geiger, Senior Finance Technician, who was awarded last year.

When Coelho was notified by the City that he would be honored this year as Park Champion, for his work and involvement in 2021, it came as a bit of

a surprise, he informed the Lynnwood Times. To this day he has no idea who nominated him although Sarah Olsen, Deputy Director for Lynnwood Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts, informed the Lynnwood Times that nominees are decided by the Parks leadership team.

“Nick was recognized for his service as our Park Board Chair for two years and with a focus on how we can continue to improve our service for Lynnwood residents and visitors,” Olsen said.

Although surprising, Coelho added that the recognition was welcome and he believes the City’s Park Champion program is a great way of acknowledging the work that volunteers put in to keeping the City’s parks maintained.

After a small ceremony, Coelho was sent a wood stump trophy in the mail, made from wood chips collected by the City’s Parks Operations crew throughout the year. The trophy was laser etched with his name by Awards Service, cementing his title, and paid for by the City’s Parks Administration Budget at a total cost of just \$15.

“When I think of people who are stewards, they’re oftentimes not doing it for the desire to get that tree stump award, or any recognition, they just see something in the world they want to fix and they just want to be part of the solution,” Coelho said.

Lynnwood launches Bingo Getaway Giveaway

By KIENAN BRISCOE

LYNNWOOD —The Lynnwood Development & Business Services Department launched its first ever Bingo Giveaway this summer as part of its digital content strategy to increase awareness of Lynnwood, local businesses, attractions, and events.

Those interested in participating can download a digital bingo card consisting of nine Lynnwood-based experiences which include the following:

- Explore at Lynnwood Heritage Park
- Enjoy a delicious pizza in Lynnwood
- Watched Shakespeare in the park (July 28 and August 4)
- Buy fresh produce at nearby farmer’s markets
- Swim in a hotel pool or Lynnwood Recreation Center
- Experience relaxation at a spa
- Get full at Yeh Yeh’s Vietnamese

- Sandwiches
- Watch or play at Meadowdale playfields
- Take a hike near Lynnwood

After downloading the card and engaging in its listed attractions, participants can post their progress to social media using the hashtag #lynnwoodsummerbingo for a chance to win a night’s stay at one of the city’s lodging partners as well as a gift card for a meal or experience at a partnering business. Each post equals one entry and the location of the stay will be based on the availability of the City’s lodging partners, rotating throughout the campaign.

Alderwood mall specific gift cards will also be rewarded, donated by partnering businesses. All prizes and expenses related to the giveaway is made possible by the lodging taxes collected within the City of Lynnwood which

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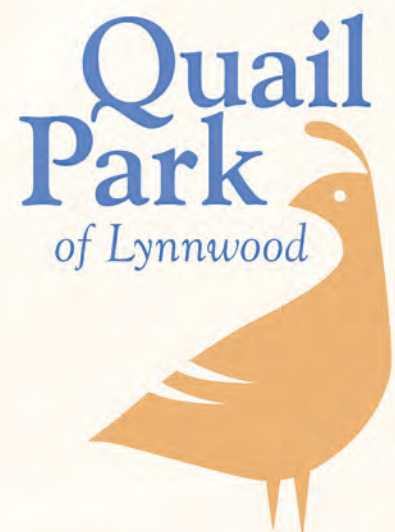
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Snohomish County Schools: How the pandemic affected student achievement

By BO JOHN BRUSCO

SNOHOMISH COUNTY – The first round of test scores since the pandemic is in for Snohomish County schools. Almost entirely across the board, fewer students met standards for English, Math, and Science, indicating how the last two years have affected public education. However, this decrease in the number of students that met standards is not unique to the County but is also a state and national issue.

	2018-19 School Year		2021 School Year		Δ Score Rank	% Change
	Overall Score	Rank	Overall Score	Rank		
Northshore	69.0%	1	58.9%	1	0	-15%
Everett	62.6%	2	54.0%	2	0	-14%
Lake Stevens	61.1%	3	49.3%	4	-1	-19%
Arlington	57.3%	4	41.1%	6	-2	-28%
Snohomish	56.0%	5	51.1%	3	+2	-9%
Edmonds	53.2%	6	42.0%	5	+1	-21%
Mukilteo	51.3%	7	39.4%	7	0	-23%
Monroe	51.1%	8	30.5%	9	-1	-40%
Marysville	41.0%	9	31.5%	8	+1	-23%

Table 1: Overall Report Card Scores in Snohomish County Schools. Lynnwood Times | Source: OSPI

District	2018-19	2020-21	Δ Points
	Grad Rate	Grad Rate	
Northshore	95%	95%	0
Everett	95%	94%	-1
Lake Stevens	91%	91%	0
Snohomish	91%	89%	-2
Arlington	88%	85%	-3
Edmonds	84%	83%	-1
Mukilteo	87%	85%	-2
Monroe	89%	90%	1
Marysville	84%	84%	0

Table 5: Graduation Rate Comparison. Lynnwood Times | Source: OSPI

Typically, the Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) provides academic achievement updates for Washington public school districts annually. The OSPI measures student achievement based on the number of students who meet Washington’s academic standards and then reports those metrics via the K12 Report Card page on the Office’s website.

	2018-19 School Year			Fall 2021		
	English	Math	Science	English	Math	Science
Average	64.4%	51.8%	51.3%	51.2%	33.2%	48.2%
Max Score	76.3%	68.2%	62.6%	64.7%	50.6%	61.4%
Min Score	49.4%	35.3%	38.3%	37.1%	17.8%	28.4%
Range	26.90	32.90	24.30	27.60	32.80	33.00
	% Change in Scores					
	English	Math	Science	English	Math	Science
Average	-20.6%	-35.9%	-5.9%			
Max Score	-15.2%	-25.8%	-1.9%			
Min Score	-24.9%	-49.6%	-25.8%			

Table 2: Summary of Report Card Scores in Snohomish County Schools. Lynnwood Times | Source: OSPI

However, as the response to the global pandemic changed the landscape of public education, the OSPI hasn’t updated its K12 Report Card since the 2018-19 school year—until now. Earlier this year, the OSPI shared Fall 2021 test scores from each district. All nine school districts that the Lynnwood Times examined in the County reported fewer students meeting standards in the three main subject areas. The most dramatic decline was seen in Math assessment scores, with multiple school districts reporting a drop of 20 points or greater in the subject.

The charts below detail student academic achievement before and after the pandemic. It is important to note that the Fall 2021 standardized exams differed from their predecessors. For instance, 2021’s tests were notably shorter than in previous years and were administered in the Fall instead of the Spring. Additionally, fewer students participated in last year’s exams, with only about 91% of eligible students testing compared to 2018-2019’s 97%.

It is interesting to note that both the Marysville and Monroe school districts that have been marred in controversy have ranked at the bottom of the list and this may indicate to what degree the role of a superintendent influences the overall educational proficiency of students. Both of these school districts lacked a superintendent for months, and in the case of Marysville, an entire year.

In September of 2021, the Marysville School Board accepted the resignation of District Superintendent Jason Thompson following a 6-month medical leave and in December of the same year, Monroe School District Superintendent Dr. Justin Blasko was placed on administrative leave and officially resigned in July of 2022. In March of 2022, Zachary Robbins was unanimously approved by the Marysville School Board as its district’s new superintendent. The Monroe School District is currently in search of a new superintendent.

The data in Table 2 below reflects a calculation on the average of all school districts to determine a performance metric for Snohomish County school districts and should not be used to determine the true proficiency of all students in Snohomish County schools. For example, if a county had two districts, District A with 100 students and a score of 75, and District B with 10 students and a score of 100, the calculation used in Table 2 would equate to a metric of 87.5 for an overall county district score. However, the true proficiency score for all students in the scenario mentioned would be 77.27 because districts A and B have different a number of students.

According to Table 2 for all Snohomish County School Districts, English

District	2018-19 School Year			Fall 2021		
	English	Math	Science	English	Math	Science
Northshore	76.3%	68.2%	62.6%	64.7%	50.6%	61.4%
Everett	71.9%	58.9%	57.1%	57.0%	48.9%	56.1%
Lake Stevens	68.5%	56.1%	58.7%	56.4%	33.7%	57.8%
Snohomish	68.1%	56.9%	42.9%	59.7%	41.5%	52.2%
Arlington	65.4%	49.0%	57.5%	50.4%	23.7%	49.1%
Edmonds	63.1%	52.1%	44.3%	49.8%	32.4%	43.7%
Mukilteo	57.8%	46.0%	50.1%	43.7%	28.8%	45.8%
Monroe	59.5%	44.0%	49.8%	41.8%	21.4%	28.4%
Marysville	49.4%	35.3%	38.3%	37.1%	17.8%	39.5%

Table 3: SBA and WCAS results for Snohomish County Schools reported by OSPI. Lynnwood Times | Source: OSPI

District	2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR and FALL 2021 DIFFERENCE					
	English		Math		Science	
	Δ Points	% Change	Δ Points	% Change	Δ Points	% Change
Northshore	-12	-15%	-18	-26%	-1	-2%
Everett	-15	-21%	-10	-17%	-1	-2%
Lake Stevens	-12	-18%	-22	-40%	-1	-2%
Snohomish	-8	-12%	-15	-27%	9	22%
Arlington	-15	-23%	-25	-52%	-8	-15%
Edmonds	-13	-21%	-20	-38%	-1	-1%
Mukilteo	-14	-24%	-17	-37%	-4	-9%
Monroe	-18	-30%	-23	-51%	-21	-43%
Marysville	-12	-25%	-18	-50%	1	3%

Table 4: Drop (red) or Increase (black) of 2018/19 vs 2021 SBA and WCAS results for Snohomish County Schools reported by OSPI. Lynnwood Times | Source: OSPI

dropped by 20.6 percent, Math dropped by 35.9 percent and Science dropped by 5.9%. What was surprising is that the range of proficiency scores for both English and Math stayed relatively the same, indicating a true downward shift to the mean proficiency scores from the 2018-19 school year. Math scores appeared to have suffered greatly, a 25.8 percent drop in the highest score to an almost 50 percent drop in the lowest scoring district.

The 2019-20 per-pupil expenditures for Snohomish County Schools have been ranked from highest to lowest as follows:

1. Marysville, \$16,497
2. Mukilteo, \$16,233
3. Everett, \$15,623
4. Edmonds, \$15,257
5. Snohomish, \$14,836
6. Northshore, \$14,646
7. Arlington, \$14,197
8. Monroe, \$14,063
9. Lake Stevens, \$13,881

Many of the districts have seen increases in their annual budgets, some of which are a result of the 2012 McCleary decision. The decade-long battle ended in June of 2018 when the state came into compliance with the Supreme Court after funneling billions of dollars into public education.

The 2020-21 annual budgets are given below, followed by the budget increases since 2018:

- Mukilteo: \$289,790,128 (increased \$42,136,804).
- Edmonds: \$360,400,000 (increased \$38,779,253).
- Everett: \$358,243,167 (increased \$37,236,930).
- Lake Stevens: \$146,559,776 (increased \$24,144,112).
- Snohomish: \$154,830,615 (increased \$3,003,462).
- Marysville: \$176,142,760 (increased \$9,263,315).
- Northshore: \$404,522,307 (increased \$58,522,307)
- Arlington: \$86,993,411 (increased \$11,529,266)
- Monroe: \$100,416,001 (increased \$7,433,031)

THE BREAKDOWN: SNOHOMISH COUNTY SCHOOLS

Because teachers are on the front lines of this new challenge, the Lynnwood Times reached out to each district included in the above tables to inquire how the pandemic and other potential factors contributed to the lower scores and what their plan is moving forward

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to help students reach proficiency. Of the nine districts contacted, only five replied to the email, and due to some school officials being out of office, only four were able to respond to our inquiry.

This is an ongoing story, and any district responses will be included in future reports.

EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Edmonds School District had a 13-point (23%) decrease in the number of students who met or exceeded standards in English, a 20-point (38%) decrease in Math, and only a 1-point (1%) decrease in Science.

When asked what led to these results, Edmonds School District Communications Manager Harmony Weinberg said, “It is certainly hard not to say that the time spent in remote learning from March 2020 to April 2021 and even time spent in hybrid learning from April 2021 to the end of the school year had an impact on our students’ ability to demonstrate mastery of key content in Math and Literacy.”

Weinberg also noted the difficulties students faced when in-school learning finally did return for the 2021-22 school year, including long quarantine periods and classroom disruptions caused by teacher shortages.

Speaking to the deeper impact of the last two years, Weinberg continued, “we know that our students and families were impacted in a myriad of ways by the pandemic including economically and social emotionally. We anticipate that students will continue to need social-emotional and mental health supports for some time to come as they grapple with the impacts of the pandemic.”

“None of these factors are intended to be excuses as we absolutely hold ourselves accountable for these gaps in learning,” Weinberg concluded, “but they did play a role in the kinds of test scores we are seeing now.”

Moving forward, the Edmonds School District is using “more frequent formative data from diagnostic assessments” to gauge where the learning gaps are and will develop additional support plans from there.

This summer, the district implemented an in-person summer school program for all grades to meet student learning needs, specifically for Math and Literacy skills. For K-8 students, the district used diagnostic assessment data to determine which students had the greatest need and invited them to participate in the summer program.

SNOHOMISH SCHOOL DISTRICT

With a 9-point (22%) increase in the number of students who met or exceeded standards in Science, the Snohomish School District is an outlier in this case. The district also had the smallest decrease in English compared to the other eight districts, with only an 8-point (12%) difference compared to 2018-19. But similar to the other districts, Snohomish saw its largest decrease in Math, with 42% of students meeting standards compared to 2018-19’s 57%.

According to Kristin Foley, the district’s Communication Director, the OSPI has instructed districts not to compare this latest round of test scores to data from the Spring due to all the previously mentioned variables.

“The fall test was a different test given at a very different time,” Foley reiterated. “We do not believe the results mean our students are cognitively lower. We believe that during the pandemic, students did not have exposure to specific skills, especially the skill of being a student and taking rigorous online exams.”

Foley also said that last fall was a difficult transition for students as “social, emotional, and behavioral adjustments were still being made when we took the test.”

Ultimately, the Snohomish School District believes that “students need to be taught and given the opportunity to practice being a student.”

Further indicating that remote learning did not provide an adequate opportunity for such practice, Foley said the district’s plan is to “keep students in school” to improve academic competency.

“We will continue to focus on research-based instructional practices and will continue to use data to guide our instruction,” she explained. “We are focusing on meeting our students’ social and emotional needs and teaching behaviors to help all students be successful in school.”

The Snohomish School District has also held additional summer academic and after-school programs geared toward students “who would most benefit from the programs.”

NORTHSHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Even the Northshore School District, which has ranked highest among these nine districts for its academic achievement for years, was not immune to the pandemic’s challenges. The district had a 12-point (15%) decrease in the number of students that met standards in English, an 18-point (18%) decrease in Math, and only a 1-point (2%) decrease in Science.

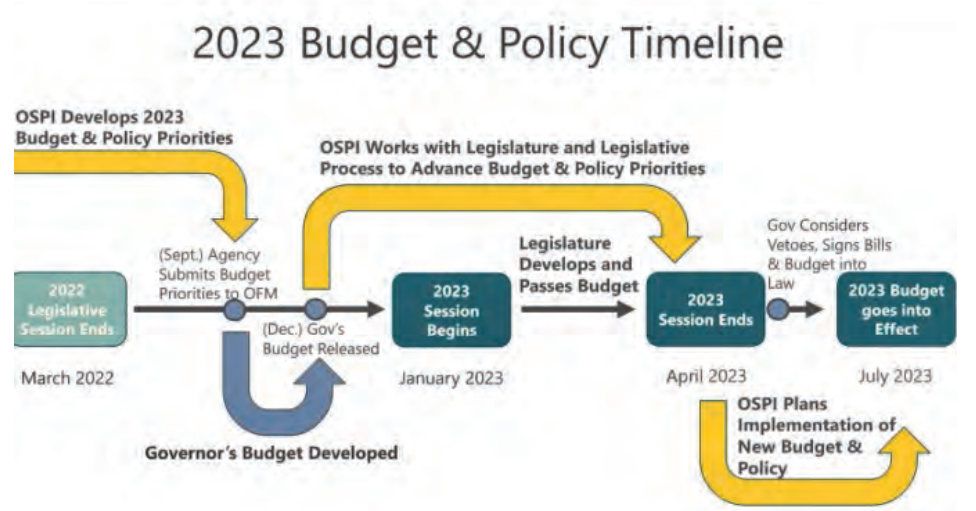
The district responded to the Lynnwood Time’s inquiry with the following statement:

“Northshore School District continues to significantly outperform the state across all academic measures despite unprecedented challenges as a result of the pandemic. As Washington State works to recover, Northshore will continue to do what we do best – provide engaging and high-quality learning opportunities for our students.”

After noting how all districts in the state were required to submit an Academic and Student Well-being Recovery Plan to the OSPI last year, Northshore stated that it is “committed to increasing supports to address the social and emotional wellness of students and provide enhanced academic services to students that need them.”

“We look forward to a strong 2022-23 school year and supporting the learn-

OSPI shares its 2023 Legislative Priorities



OSPI Legislative Priorities Timeline

By **KIENAN BRISCOE**

OLYMPIA—The Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) held a webinar Tuesday, July 26, to update the public on pandemic recovery funding, initial thoughts on its 2023 legislative priorities, and to create opportunities for future partnerships and shared messaging.

The goal of the Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is to transform K-12 education into a system that is centered on closing opportunity gaps and is characterized by high expectations for all students and educators, which is achieved by developing equity-based policies and supports that empower educators, families, and communities.

COVID RECOVERY AND RESPONSE

Beginning the webinar Sirena Wu, ESSER Project Manager, briefly highlighted some of the available funding the state has received over the course of the pandemic to go toward recovery in the education system.

“As many, if not all, of us have experienced the pandemic has really wreaked havoc in so many ways and schools, districts, students, educators are not immune to its negative effects,” Wu said. “When schools found themselves in this new normal with shutdowns and new health and safety regulations they really had to pivot and adapt to these new ways of doing business, like suddenly needing to meet technology needs, or investing in new capital improvements.”

In recognition of these challenges the U.S. Department of Education awarded pandemic grants to each of the 50 states through a series of waterfall funding. These were divided into three non-recurring rounds of emergency relief funds. The first was the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (also called CARES Act) which was enacted in March 2020 in the total amount of \$216.8 billion. The second was the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, enacted December 20, 2020, in the total amount of \$824.8 billion. The last was the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) enacted July 11, 2021 in the total amount of \$1.8 billion.

Additionally, the state legislature also appropriated \$27.3 million in the budget for the 2022 fiscal year toward

learning, recovery, and acceleration. As far as the ARPA funds (the third round of funding) 90% of the dollars allocated to Washington State went to the school districts which allowed the districts to handle their unique recovery strategies as they saw fit.

OSPI 2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The bulk of the webinar focused on the OSPI’s 2023 legislative priorities, at least in its early stages, which can be boiled down to securing meaningful funding and support that center the needs of students, having access to a diverse, inclusive, and highly skilled workforce, maintaining equitable access to strong foundations, and offering rigorous, learner-centered options for all students.

Meaningful funding, Legislative Program Specialist Mikhail Cherniske explained, means having fully funded special education, student transportation, and universal school meals.

Jenny Plaja, Executive Director of Government Relations at OSPI, took over to explain the funding model OSPI developed to achieve this encompassing Staffing Enrichment Workgroup recommendations from its 2019 report. This report, according to Plaja, provided a student-focused, phase-in approach over six years to address the evolving needs of the students in Washington State.

“The legislature has made progress on many components recommended by the workgroup

including additional allocations for school counselors, nurses, social workers, psychologists and more,” Plaja said.

At the top of its 2023 legislative priorities OSPI plans on requesting legislature to fill the remaining recommendations outlined in the report’s first phase which include family engagement coordinators, student and staff safety, principles, continuous improvement coaches, and professional development days.

OSPI will request legislature help address staffing shortages by expanding a teacher residency program which will provide a full year, paid, residency program, and continue to support its Beginner Educator Support (BES)

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Summer Meltdown music festival returns



2022 Summer Meltdown Music Festival. Lynnwood Times | Kienan Briscoe.

By KIENAN BRISCOE

SNOHOMISH—After a pandemic-induced two-year break, the Summer Meltdown music festival returned for its 20th year, July 28 through July 31, at a brand-new venue – on private property near Snohomish’s gorgeous

Sky Meadows Park.

The 150-acre plot of land, lined with 4-miles of riverfront property along the Skykomish River, proved to be a welcome shift offering “melters” forested camping, stunning sunset views, and musical performances by Griz, STS9,

Opiuo, Lettuce, Jade Cicada, and more.

Camping was spread across nine different areas, depending on what experience attendees desired. From whimsical forest camping besides interactive art installations, lit up trees and its own stage; to meadow camping for a quiet, family-oriented experience and RV and ADA options; to VIP Mesa for access to a private lounge with an open bar, exclusive musical acts, and views of both the Main Stage and Garden stage. Shuttles zipped around the dusty landscape, from area to area, and to the river where festival goers spent the almost 100-degree days floating in the cool, transparent, waters.

In addition to non-stop music, vendors sold crystals, flow toys, and artwork, as well as many unique food options including pizza dumplings and wonton tacos washed down with refreshing Yerba Mate tea and smoothies. A beer garden was also nestled between the two main stages for the 21-and-up crowd. Operations were conducted with over 100 crew members and approximately 250 volunteers, taking tickets, cleaning up trash, and ensuring

everyone was having a safe, and welcoming time.

When the music at the main stage came to a close the Late Night area opened up where ravers could dance underneath the beats of Champagne Drip and The Funk Hunters while their lights shows illuminated the surrounding tea tent, Frick Frack Blackjack (a bartering black jack game where the value of what you bet is open to interpretation), and Dr. Pyne’s Art Oasis (an interactive, jungle-themed, exhibit inside a giant frog). Several workshops, throughout the day, also presented educational opportunities including yoga, learning how to hoop, and ways to reignite your spirit with the universe.

The first Summer Meltdown was pioneered by Flowmotion frontman Josh Clauson in the San Juan Islands in 2000. Clauson built the stage by hand, the sound system was run by a pull-start generator, and tickets cost \$10 as a way for Clauson and his band to raise money for touring and recording. The festival was a success but having to catch

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While there may be a small population held involuntarily at the CRC, as they undergo evaluation to determine if they are at risk of hurting themselves or others, the clinic will be mostly voluntary patients. Additionally, there will be no segregation between voluntary or involuntary patients offering the same level of treatment to everyone in its doors.

In Maricopa County, Arizona, where RI International’s - the organization who will be carrying out the services at the CRC - flagship model exists, the conversion rate for involuntary to voluntary is between 60 to 70% meaning the majority of patients who were initially held involuntarily decided to return voluntarily. This, Davis said, is indicative of her point and the model of care the CRC will implement when it opens its doors October of 2023.

The state of Washington is highly invested in building these crisis facilities, so much so that the largest line item in the behavioral health capital budget in the 2022 session was for this facility type. King County, for example, is actively working to build five such crisis facilities in the near future.

The CRC will be the first of its kind in the state of Washington, but it won’t be the last. Since the 988 behavioral health emergency line went live on July 16, there has been a 47% increase in call volume. Snohomish County is fortunate to have Volunteers of America as one of three call center hubs, for the 988 line, across the state serving 32 out of 39 counties in Washington. The rollout of 988 will work in conjunction with crises receiving facilities, such as the CRC, to offer alternatives to emergency departments and correction facilities - the exact opposite of what many who opposed the CRC last Monday seemed to believe according to Davis.

“The system that so many people in our community have been advocating

for, which is non law enforcement responses to individuals experiencing psychiatric distress or substance abuse crises, is 988, and in order to have a fully functioning crises now model, you have to have crises receiving facilities because if you fail to build facilities such as the CRC you are left with the other two options - emergency departments and jails, which are categorically terrible options for people suffering from a behavioral health emergency.”

Currently one of the only options for patients undergoing psychiatric emergencies are emergency departments, which may not be what the patient needs. Psychiatric patients spend more time in emergency departments than any other patient population, Davis said, but can often times be treated poorly, not receiving the care they need since emergency departments are mainly trained to deal with medical emergencies and not psychiatric or behavior emergencies.

“This facility was really designed in every way, top to bottom, specifically for behavioral health emergencies. It’s effectively a behavioral health emergency department, so patients are going to get care in a timely fashion and get care that actually treats their presenting problem unlike an emergency department,” Davis said.

While Washington may not currently have a facility quite like the CRC, what it does have is Crises Stabilization Units (CSU), which will basically be the second floor of the CRC - an overnight crises facility. What the region does not have, presently, is a 23-hour (23 hours meaning people don’t have to stay overnight) behavioral health emergency model which will be the top floor of the CRC, also where people will enter.

“Members of our community need somewhere safe, warm, and welcoming to go when they find themselves in crisis, on their very worst day,” Davis said. “Maybe they’re out of their medication, maybe they’re having a horrific panic attack, maybe they’re deeply

depressed, and they will come to this facility and be greeted with snacks, and peers with lived experience who have overcome similar struggles.”

Davis informed the Lynnwood Times she believes many of the public’s misunderstanding of what the CRC will be stems from its history and juxtaposition to Lynnwood’s new Community Justice Center. She noted if she was drawing up this concept from scratch, in her legislative district, she would not have elected to place it next to a correctional facility but, as part of the negotiations with the city of Lynnwood to reduce the capacity of their planned jail, the CRC was agreed to be built in conjunction with the CJC.

“Without the CRC the city of Lynnwood

would be building a 120-bed correctional facility with no community behavioral health capacity,” Davis said.

Last February, Representative Davis, accompanied by Lynnwood Chief of Police Jim Nelson and Jamie Seller, Chief Strategy Officer for RI International, held a virtual open house which Davis encourages anyone wanting to learn more about the CRC revisit. In addition, she urges anyone with questions about the CRC to reach out to her and her office directly.

“I will commit to doing more outreach to provide members of the community ample opportunity to have their questions and concerns addressed,” Rep. Davis said.

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can be used for tourism marketing and promotion to increase future overnight stays.

Winners will be randomly selected on a quarterly basis and depending on the amount of interest, the Department may increase or decrease the frequency of winners moving forward.

“The goal of this campaign is to increase awareness, increase social media engagement, and increase sign-ups to our newsletter,” Ryan Bush, Lynnwood Tourism Project Manager, told the Lynnwood Times. “It also serves to provide seasonally appropriate itineraries to our overnight lodging guests. One of the common requests from our lodging partners is to help provide guides and itineraries of things they can do while they stay in Lynnwood.”

The bingo card campaign initially began January and is updated each quarter with new items. The summer bingo card, however, marks the first time the Department has utilized a giveaway to support engagement after prior cards, which were only promoted through a newsletter, did not receive

significance participation

The city will continue to promote ways to “earn a bingo” with itineraries on its blog.

The City is also working closely with its lodging partners and local businesses to promote tourism and overnight stays as the travel/tourism industry bounces back from the pandemic through brochures and guides that will be available at all Lynnwood hotels and the Convention Center.

Additionally, the newest Lynnwood business directory is being released this summer, sponsored by the Lynnwood Chamber of Commerce, which boasts tons of new business information. The directory is currently available digitally and printed versions will be available across the city over the next month or so.

“As the world has changed, we’re listening closely to what our hotels are experiencing with demand and why people are choosing to stay in Lynnwood. Within the next year, we plan to update the tourism website to be more user-friendly and provide ways visitors can book a Lynnwood hotel directly through the site,” Bush told the Lynnwood Times.

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a ferry was a minor inconvenience for some and the festival was relocated to the mainland the following year. Since then, the festival has only grown larger and larger spending its last 14 years in Darrington before moving to its new home Snohomish between Monroe and Maltby. Clauson took the stage with his band on Thursday to kick off the weekend's festivities.

In 2013, Clauson married his wife, local immigration attorney Genevieve Hayton, who soon left her law practice to become his business partner. For the last nine years, the two have worked together to make the independently

owned family-run business the best possible experience for the increasing Meltdown community. The Summer Meltdown festival is planned to return next year near Sky Meadows Park.

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program which helps teachers through their first, novice, year.

"Through this, students will have equitable access to diverse, and highly skilled teachers grown in the same communities in which they will serve and who are ready on day one to support student's success," Anna Hernandez-French, Policy Analyst for OSPI, said.

Another strategic goal of the agency is to have strong, equitable, foundations which they aim to accomplish through strengthening dual language programs for multilingual students and families.

OSPI also plans on increasing funding to support the Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee and increasing the research capacity of the Center for the Improvement of Student Learning.

Lastly, pending an implementation plan and cost analysis, a placeholder for funding HB-1833, establishing an

electronic option for the submission of household income information required for participation in school meals and programs, is set by OSPI among its priorities to remind the government and legislature that the cost assumptions are coming in the next couple of months. A similar placeholder is set involving funding for the OSPI Apportionment System redesign which is pending the results of a feasible study.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Tyle Muench, Outreach Coordinator, continued with OSPI's Capital Budget Requests with the School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP), the primary program in the state. The School Construction Assistance Program provides funding assistance to school districts that are undertaking a major new construction or modernization project. In order to participate in this program school districts are responsible for securing local for construction process via levies or bonds which are sometimes difficult to accomplish, Muench explained, referencing the low bond

passage rates across the state last year.

OSPI began thinking how to improve capitol facilities in small, rural, communities that fail bonds and levies in anticipation of lower SCAP requests this year but it is currently still in development as OSPI works with state legislature.

As far as policies, OSPI is proposing investing 100% of state trust land revenue in communities where trust land revenue is generated and, in lieu of constitutional amendments, is proposing investing trust and revenue into the Small District Modernization Grant Program, which is a program that was designed to help rural, small schools who fail to pass bonds and levies.

The Small District Modernization Program is a competitive grant program that fully funds state capital facility modernizations and building system repairs. It's equitable, Muench said, because it does not require a bond or levy to participate in.

"Our message to legislature is going to be, you saved a bit of money on SCAP, let's reinvest that money to other parts of education to improve capital facilities," Muench said.

OSPI will be requesting the legislature to fully finance this program with common school trust revenue and is requesting \$100 million to continue funding school seismic retrofits, tsunami tower installations, and school building relocations as part of its School Seismic Safety Program.

Other requests include \$47 million for major works, and \$9.1 million for minor works for Skills Centers statewide, \$10 million for physical health and nutrition grants, \$3 million for school drinking remediation, \$1.5 million to remove toxic T-12 lighting ballasts from schools, \$7.3 million for ADA equal access grants, \$12 million for 114 urgent repair grants, and \$5 million for the capitol emergency repair pool.

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ing, growth, and excellence of every student."

ARLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

In Fall 2021, only 24% of students in the Arlington School District met or exceeded Math standards, which is half the amount of its pre-pandemic numbers. The district also had 23% fewer students (a 15-point drop) meet standards for English compared to 2018-19, and 15% fewer (an 8-point drop) for Science.

"Of course, the primary cause for the drop in test scores was closure and hybrid scheduling due to the pandemic," Kari-Henderson Burke explained, the district's Executive Director of Teaching and Learning.

Burke expressed the district's excitement for the return of its traditional schedule this coming year. "It is important to remember that, though the schedule was 'normal' [last year], we were still impacted by a high volume

of absences due to Covid, which of course significantly impacted student learning," she added.

To improve academic achievement, Burke said the Arlington School District has already implemented a new math curriculum for high school and middle school students. "Each of these materials sets teaches math as lively, social, and active; as a means to solve real-world problems," she explained.

Burke added that the implementation of the new curriculum has been "bumpy" for reasons already stated. "We have progress to make," she concluded.

THE PANDEMIC LED TO A GLOBAL INCREASE IN LEARNING POVERTY

The pandemic's impact on children's education cannot be understated. Schools in Snohomish County, Washington State, and even across the United States are not the only ones that have been negatively affected. The pandemic has proven to be a global hindrance to student learning and academic achievement, especially in low-

er-income countries.

The World Bank is a global partnership working to reduce poverty and build shared prosperity in developing countries. Last month, the partnership published a report stating that 70% of 10-year-olds in the world are "unable to understand simple written text."

In 2021, The World Bank developed a concept known as "Learning Poverty," which essentially means "being unable to read and understand a simple text by age 10." The partnership penned the concept to have a succinct way of explaining the long-lasting impacts being illiterate can have at a young age. Referring to some of those impacts, the partnership states that reading is "a gateway for learning" and that the inability to read "slams that gate shut."

When children can't read, according to the World Bank, it is also an "indication that school systems aren't well organized to help children learn in other areas such as math, science, and the humanities."

According to The World Bank, Learn-

ing Poverty has increased (more students are unable to understand simple written text) by a third in low- and middle-income countries compared to pre-pandemic data. "Prolonged school closures and unequal mitigation strategies have worsened learning inequality among children," states The World Bank.

Continuing with how school closures affected academic achievement, the partnership states, "Children with the most fragile grasp of foundational literacy before the closures are most likely to have suffered larger learning losses."

"Without strong foundational skills, children are unlikely to acquire the technical and higher-order skills needed to thrive in increasingly demanding labor markets and more complex societies."

To read The World Bank's Learning Poverty 2022 update visit <https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/education/publication/state-of-global-learning-poverty>



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secure his bid on the November ballot for Secretary of State. With slightly over a million ballots counted, only 6,963 votes separate the next three candidates vying for the second slot. If nonpartisan candidate Julie Anderson holds her slim lead, no Republican candidate will advance for this state executive position which was formerly held by Kim Wyman, a Republican who accepted a job last November with the Biden administration.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

Many Republican candidates who provided the Lynnwood Times a statement echoed a common theme of thanking their supporters and stating, "there are still many votes that need to be counted."

Republican Senatorial candidate Anita Azariah in the 38th LD conceded the race to challengers Bernard Moody (R) and June Robinson (D) telling the Lynnwood Times that the gap overcome is too great and for "God to bless Bernard and June in their run in the General Election."

Julio Cortes, the Democratic candidate running for 38th LD Representative shared that he is proud of his team and thanked voters.

"I'm really proud of the work we did to get to this point," Cortes said. "The team and I worked hard from the get-go and made sure we listened to our many diverse communities. I'm humbled by all of the support I received from volunteers, donors, unions, business and community leaders - it was great to speak to so many people and groups with different perspectives. It helped me to ensure I had a platform that is balanced and will really make a difference for folks."

"Moving forward, we will continue to work hard and continue to listen to our communities and give a voice to them in Olympia."

Below are the latest results. Those candidates with an asterisk (*) denotes incumbent status.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 1 – STATE REPRESENTATIVE POS. 1

John Peeples (Prefers Republican Party): 28.06%
*Davina Duerr (Prefers Democratic Party): 71.77%

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 1 – STATE REPRESENTATIVE POS. 2

Jerry Buccola (Prefers Republican Party): 27.56%
*Shelley Kloba (Prefers Democratic Party): 72.16%

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 10 – STATE REPRESENTATIVE POS. 1

Clyde Shavers (Prefers Democratic Party): 53.22%
*Greg Gilday (Prefers Republican Party): 46.68%

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 10 – STATE REPRESENTATIVE POS. 2

Karen Lesetmoe (Prefers Republican Party): 44.24%
*Dave Paul (Prefers Democratic Party): 55.65%

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 12 – STATE REPRESENTATIVE POS. 1

*Keith W. Goehner (Prefers Republican Party): 93.14%

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 12 – STATE REPRESENTATIVE POS. 2

Robert K Amenn (Prefers Republican Party): 13.69%
*Mike Steele (Prefers Republican Party): 81.28%

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 21 – STATE SENATOR

*Marko Liias (Prefers Democratic Party): 63.36%
Janelle Cass (Prefers Republican Party): 36.47%

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 21 – STATE REPRESENTATIVE POS. 1

Amy Schaper (Prefers Republican Party): 32.14%
*Strom Peterson (Prefers Democratic Party): 67.7%

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 21 – STATE REPRESENTATIVE POS. 2

Jenifer Short (Prefers Republican Party): 16.38%
Petra Bigea (Prefers Republican Party): 17.09%
*Lillian Ortiz-Self (Prefers Democratic Party): 66.39%

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 32 – STATE SENATOR

Evelyn Anthony (Prefers Independent Party): 14.11%
Patricia Weber (Prefers Democratic Party): 18.78%
*Jesse Salomon (Prefers Democratic Party): 66.02%

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 32 – STATE REPRESENTATIVE POS. 1

Lori Theis (Prefers Election Integrity Party): 16.12%
*Cindy Ryu (Prefers Democratic Party): 83.08%

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 32 – STATE REPRESENTATIVE POS. 2

Anthony Hubbard (Prefers Republican Party): 19.05%
*Lauren Davis (Prefers Democratic Party): 80.5%

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 38 – STATE SENATOR

Bernard Moody (Prefers Republican Party): 28.7%
Anita Azariah (Prefers Republican Party): 11.6%
*June Robinson (Prefers Democratic Party): 59.52%

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 38 – STATE REPRESENTATIVE POS. 1

Bert Johnson (Prefers Republican Party): 17.87%
Julio Cortes (Prefers Democratic Party): 40.22%
Daryl Williams (Prefers Democratic Party): 21.12%
Gary Kemp (Prefers Republican Party): 20.63%

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 38 – STATE REPRESENTATIVE POS. 2

Christopher D. Elliott (States No Party Preference): 2.37%
Mark James (Prefers Republican Party): 36.99%
David Wiley (Prefers Libertarian Party): 2.9%
Mary Fosse (Prefers Democratic Party): 57.62%

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 39 – STATE REPRESENTATIVE POS. 1

Claus Joens (Prefers Democratic Party): 24.4%
*Robert J. Sutherland (Prefers Republican Party): 31.27%
Karl de Jong (Prefers Democratic Party): 17.79%
Sam Low (Prefers Republican Party): 26.42%

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 39 – STATE REPRESENTATIVE POS. 2

*Carolyn Eslick (Prefers Republican Party): 42.78%
Tyller Boomgaarden (Prefers Republican Party): 11.36%
Kathryn Lewandowsky (Prefers Independent Party): 6.03%
Jessica Wadhams (Prefers Democratic Party): 39.71%

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 44 – STATE SENATOR

*John Lovick (Prefers Democratic Party): 59.32%
Jeb Brewer (Prefers Republican Party): 40.56%

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 44 – STATE REPRESENTATIVE POS. 1

Mark Harmsworth (Prefers Republican Party): 45.6%
*Brandy Donaghy (Prefers Democratic Party): 54.27%

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 44 – STATE REPRESENTATIVE POS. 2

*April Berg (Prefers Democratic Party): 57.47%
Ryne Rohla (Prefers Republican Party): 42.45%

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are 31 member states and the District of Columbia.

At least every 60 days, each ERIC member state shares voter registration and motor vehicle licensing data. The SOS Office uses this information to identify voters who have moved, died, who are registered in other states, and who voted in more than one state.

After a one-time fee of \$25,000, member states pay annual membership dues for 2021-22 ranging from about \$16,000 to approximately \$74,000. The actual amount is determined by formula that uses a state's population of voting age citizens.

The Albert sensor was developed by the Center for Internet Security (CIS) based on the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Einstein program, which does network intrusion detection for federal agencies. It is available to U.S. State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial governments.

The Albert sensor is designed to pro-

vide network security alerts when malware is detected on a network, as well as advanced persistent threats. It is an Intrusion Detection System (IDS) that uses open-source software that passively sits on a network and collects data, which is then encrypted and transmitted around the clock to the CIS center for analysis. When an alert is verified as actionable, CIS sends an event notification to the appropriate agency.

To convey the importance of the Albert sensor, Hobbs broke it down for readers with this simple explanation.

"So, I have a bunch of data that comes from Russia or a suspicious IP address. The sensor lets you know, 'hey, there's a bunch of suspicious data coming in.' It doesn't know what the data is, but it's like, why is all this data coming from Russia?"

When pressed for more details on cybersecurity, Hobbs stated that he doesn't want to tip off bad actors on the confidential security protocols of the state. However, he did share that the

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option...I would wish they would talk to these people, who are experts, who tell us this is the right route to take. And if you don't think this is the right route to take, instead of saying it's not, bring solutions," Councilwoman Sessions said. "Anybody can stand up at a podium and tell us not to do something without a solution – bring solutions. This is a big deal for our community."

George Hurst addressed some of the fiscal responsibility concerns by reminding the public the construction contract was funded entirely by separate revenue from the city including \$3 million from the county, \$12 million from state legislature capital budget, and a \$1.94 million grant from the Department of Commerce, totaling almost \$3 million more than the contract. He recognized an additional cost of \$2.4 million is needed, related to services, but continued that Representative Lauren Davis is confident she can secure them before the one year deadline approaches.

LYNNWOOD COMMUNITY RECOVERY CENTER BACKGROUND

In March 2021, the city began discussing plans to build a new \$64 million Community Justice Center (CJC), including the rebuilding of the existing police department, re-imagining the misdemeanor jail, a remodeled court while expanding east to the adjacent

vacant, city-owned wooded area.

Due to community concerns regarding an in-custody death at a Lynnwood jail in August 2021, the city decided to postpone moving forward with the CJC in order to reevaluate how to add more health and mental health services without changing the original design footprint. The investigation of the in-custody death is nearly complete and the city aims to offer more information to the community once the information has been shared with the family.

In that same month, a multi-disciplined task force was established that developed a recommendation to the Lynnwood City Council to create a separate but co-located Community Recovery Center at the site of the Community Justice Center. City Council agreed with this recommendation and approved a contract for the design of the center.

On September 7, 2021, Chief Jim Nelson and Representative Lauren Davis presented the findings on the task force to the Lynnwood City Council, and on September 13, 2021, City Council adopted Resolution 21-06 to build a Community Recovery Center (CRC) on the site of the Community Justice Center.

The City held a groundbreaking ceremony on November 6 to celebrate the completion of the planning process of the center.

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SOS Office is planning election scenarios and exercises in 2023 in preparation for the 2024 Presidential Election.

At its February 14th meeting, Ferry County Commissioner Nathan Davis' motion to remove the Albert sensor from the county's election system was unanimously approved making it the only county in Washington state not utilizing this cybersecurity tool.

Hobbs shared that this action by Ferry County removes a monitoring tool to timely identify and locate the origin of an intrusion from a bad actor.

Last week a group calling itself "WA Citizens United to Secure Ballot Boxes" placed "surveillance" signs near ballot boxes in King County. Hobbs questioned the intention of those involved and asked that residents not partake in an action that may be perceived as voter intimidation.

"It's sad because I don't know what they're trying to do," Hobbs said. "Are you trying to intimidate people from turning in their ballot? That's a form of suppression. Don't do it. You know, there's no reason to."

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FROM THE SOS OFFICE

Washington's Office of the Secretary of State oversees a number of areas within state government besides managing state elections such as registering corporations and charities, and governing the use of the state flag and state seal.

The office also manages the State Archives and the State Library, documents extraordinary stories in Washington's history through Legacy Washington, oversees the Combined Fund Drive for charitable giving by state employees,

and administers the state's Address Confidentiality Program to help protect survivors of crime.

Hobbs shared that he is currently looking into putting field offices in selected cities that will focus on providing face-to-face help for residents starting or managing a corporation, charity and/or nonprofit. He also shared that his office is looking into utilizing prison libraries to aid in rehabilitation efforts to reduce recidivism. His office is also evaluating the benefits of sponsoring a prison podcast in the women's prison similar to Ear Hustle in the California Penal System.

Hobbs was most proud of his office currently developing a plan to partner and/or coordinate with rural libraries to offer a game library where kids and young adults can check out games.

"Vancouver does this," Hobbs shared. "They have a games library kids can go in there and check out a game, play games in a nice safe warm environment. We wanna do the same thing with the rural libraries out there. So, I'm really looking forward to it."

Many may not know that Washington state authors books. The SOS Office is considering hiring a fourth author to write about famous Washingtonians and events.

"We just put out a book about Dan Evans, who's the third three-term governor in the State of Washington. We are putting another book out about the 10th anniversary of marriage equality," Hobbs said.

Lastly, the State Librarian, Sara Jones, is looking into developing a podcast by famous authors to share their works and encourage more engagement by residents to the rich history of Washington state.

American Rescue Plan Act Fund
At council's last Business Meeting they discussed some possible ways to spend the City's remaining \$2 million American Rescue Plan Act funds. Before decisions were made on these proposed funding options Council Vice President Jim Smith reminded the public the City would like to set aside, at least, \$500,000 to prepare for a, likely, upcoming recession. Smith then motioned to allocate \$150,000 to Kids in Tradition, seconded by Councilwoman Julieta Altamirano-Crosby.

The County has agreed to match every dollar allocated for the Kids in Tradition program, up to \$150,000, which Council Vice President Smith explained is why he opted to allocate the full amount. Washington Kids in Tradition is an organization that helps children in the Edmonds School District struggling with housing or food insecurity.

"I agree this is an exciting program; for one it's for Lynnwood kids and two, we're doubling our money," Council President Hurst said.

Smith's motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Sessions then moved to approve \$250,000 to go toward Volunteers of America Rapid Rehousing, seconded by Council Vice President Jim Smith. Like the Kids in Transition the county has agreed to match whatever the city decides to allocate. Sessions also moved to approve \$55,000 for the Capital Facilities Plan for the Veteran's Hub and \$40,000 for the Chamber of Commerce Shop Local campaign.

Councilwoman Sessions' first two motions passed unanimously, but council agreed to postpone making a decision about allocating funds to the Shop Local campaign until September 6.

Council also agreed to postpone Councilwoman Altamirano-Crosby's motion to allocate \$60,000 for Fair on 44th vendor booths until September 6.

OTHER ITEMS AND CONSENT AGENDA

Council also approved a consultant contract award for Scriber Lake Trail Phase 2, and a 2022 Pavement Management Program for the 76th Avenue West Project with City of Edmonds bid award concurrence during its consent agenda.

The City opened bids for the Scriber

Lake Trail project on June 29, 2022 and received six bids which ranged from \$7.25 million to \$10.71 million. The engineer's estimate was \$6.1 million. Public Works and PRCA staff reviewed the low bid and determined that it was responsive/responsible, recommending that council award the contract. Although the bid was higher than the engineer's estimate, staff believed the bid was reasonable given the current costs of steel and construction bid climates. The city has 45-days to award the construction as a WSDOT funded project.

The Pavement Preservation and Rehabilitation Program is a joint project, with the City of Edmonds, that focuses on preserving the City's pavement structure and integrity. The project to overlay 76th Avenue West, from 196th Street Southwest to Olympic View Drive, is the second of two paving projects the City of Lynnwood will construct this year. The City of Edmonds has opened bids and will be awarding the contract but needed concurrence from the City of Lynnwood in order to move forward per a previously approved Interlocal Agreement.

Additionally, City Staff presented a proposed Complete Streets Ordinance during a public hearing which council will revisit at their next Business Meeting on August 8.

The Complete Streets Ordinance is one of the two main outcomes from the Connect Lynnwood Project which was developed to improve walking and biking conditions, support a safer and more efficient transportation system, and provide safer access to schools and parks in Lynnwood.

Development of the plan included multiple forms of public outreach between 2019 and 2021, including an online survey with specific questions for Lynnwood school families, an online open house with a comprehensive preview of the plan, and tables presenting proposed biking and walking networks during park events.



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