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## Everett PTSA Council

Proudly serving the PTAs and schools of Everett School District



\*\*\* March 1, 2020 \*\*\*

### Everett PTSA Council eBlast

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**OUR VISION:** To be a meaningful and vital resource to PTAs and our community partners.

**OUR MISSION:** To support, empower, and guide our PTAs to be successful.

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**Wednesday, March 4, 2020:** Everett Public Schools Foundation Annual Benefit Breakfast

**Wednesday, March 18, 2020:** Membership Meeting

Our Council Board Members and Committee Chairs will provide updates to those in attendance. Also, Dr. Sally Lancaster, Assistant Superintendent for the Central Region, will provide updates from the district and will be available to answer questions.

Before the meeting, our two newest School Board members, April Berg and Andrew Nicholls, will be in attendance to meet with local PTA representatives. During the meeting, multiple topics will be discussed which affect our local PTAs and Council:

- Presentation on EPS Kids in Transition (KIT) program, which provides support services for homeless students in our school district. Did you know that last year, Everett Public Schools served over 1,250 homeless students at some time during the school year? Come hear about how students qualify for services and what this program entails.
- Election of our 2020-2021 Executive Team. Each local PTA may send up to three voting representatives, but we encourage EVERYONE to attend who is able to do so.
- Collect your PTA's invitation packet for the 2020 Council Award Celebration on May 21. These include materials to be distributed to your local PTA Golden Acorns, Outstanding Educators, and other award recipients at your school.

After the meeting, we encourage attendees to join us for an Local PTA Leader Roundtable discussion, which is an opportunity for our local PTA leaders to discuss with our Council and other PTA peers any topics and issues related to PTA.

**SCHOOL BOARD MEET-AND-GREET:** 6:00 - 6:30 PM

**COUNCIL MEETING:** 6:30 - 7:30 PM (*feel free to come earlier than 6:30 PM for introductions and to get meeting handouts*)

**POST-MEETING LOCAL PTA LEADER ROUNDTABLE:** 7:30 - 8:30 PM

**LOCATION:** Everett Community Resource Center (CRC) - 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA

**Council Office Hours:** The second and fourth Thursday of each month during school year

**TIME:** 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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## MEMBERSHIP

### Local PTA Membership Making Gains

This school year, Everett PTSA Council 7.3 has a goal of 5200 total members. With 5238 members thus far this school year, **we have surpassed our goal!** Great job and thank you!

We are also excited to announce our district had eight local PTAs qualify for the 2020 WSPTA Membership Contest. Big shout-outs and congratulations to ESD Special Education PTSA, Evergreen Middle PTA, Henry M. Jackson PTSA, Jefferson Elementary PTA, Monroe Elementary PTA, Silver Firs PTA, Silver Lake PTA, and Whittier Elementary PTA.

In the WSPTA Membership Contest, Monroe Elementary PTA won a \$25 gift card to be used to help celebrate and continue to grow. The gift card can be used to purchase PTA supplies at ShopPTA or to buy other needed supplies or treats at your local grocery or office store.

Congratulations, Monroe Elementary PTA and all of our other PTAs!

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## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

### **Council Election on March 18**

Thank you to everyone who submitted nomination recommendations for Council. By March 3, the 2020-2021 Nominating Committee will be releasing their official report for the upcoming election. A link to their report will be posted on our Council website as well as on our Council Facebook page. Our Council election will be during our Membership Meeting on Wednesday, March 18. Any qualified person who is not on the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates but would like to run for an office has the right to be nominated from the floor during the election. We look forward to seeing our local PTAs sending representatives to the meeting to vote for our 2020-2021 Executive Team!

Best Regards,

Nominating Committee  
Everett PTSA Council 7.3

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## **ADVOCACY**

### **Legislative Update, Bond Support Info**

Hi All:

We are fast approaching the end of the legislative session. This past week, both the House and Senate released their [supplemental budgets](#) (operating, capital, and transportation). The next step will be for the House and Senate to reconcile each of the supplemental budgets that will become the final budget. This Monday, March 2, is the cutoff date when bills from the opposite house must pass out of the Fiscal and Transportation Committees and be read into the record on the floor. The final date bills can be passed from the opposite house is March 6. This is one of the final chances for bills to stay alive. For the most up to date information, please read Marie Sullivan's bill status updates that are posted on the state website.

I hope that you have all been enjoying the bond presentations and were able to attend one of the community forums that have been promoted on the Everett School District website. If you have any questions, want a yard sign, buttons or window clings, or you want to volunteer to help, please visit the bond committee's website ([www.imvotingyes.com](http://www.imvotingyes.com)) to get more information. On **Saturday, March 7**, a couple of our Council board members will be doorbelling. If any PTA leaders want to join us, we would love to have you. You can sign up [here](#). Remember, do not put any endorsement of the bond in your PTA communications unless your PTA has voted "yes" to support the 2020 Capital Bond.

Please attend our next Council Membership Meeting on March 18. Prior to the meeting, we will have our two newest school board directors, April Berg and Andrew Nicholls, in attendance for a Meet and Greet. This is your chance to ask them questions and get to know to know them a little. I hope to see you there.

And lastly, **PLEASE VOTE BY MARCH 10!**

Lizzy Sebring  
Advocacy Chair

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## PROGRAMS

### WSPTA Scholarship Program

Washington State PTA offers three \$3,000 scholarships and one \$1,000 scholarship to graduating seniors from Washington state public high schools with an active PTA, who will be starting college (either two-year or four-year) in the fall. Qualified student applicants can learn more details and submit an online scholarship application via **this link**.

### PTA Volunteer Recognition

#### **Thursday, May 21, 2020: Everett PTSA Council Awards Celebration**

PTA is a volunteer organization. Each year, PTAs have the opportunity to recognize and thank their volunteers through individual awards. The culmination of these awards is the Everett PTSA Council Awards Celebration.

**Please use this linked document as a suggested timeline** that will assist your PTA in organizing the nomination process, presentation and celebration of your **Golden Acorns, Outstanding Educators, Outstanding Advocates, Outstanding Student Advocates, and Honorary Life Recipients**. Please keep in mind deadlines for nominations, ordering awards, presentations and especially RSVP for the celebration. The Everett PTSA Council looks forward to recognizing your honored guests at this event.

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## SHOE FUND

### Student and Community Support

We are excited to be partnering with Famous Footwear this year for Shoe Fund. Thus far, we have distributed 120 pairs of shoes to Elementary School students, and 115 gift cards to Middle School and High School students. Great job!

If your local PTA would like to contribute to this great community program but has not already done so, please review and submit our [Shoe Fund Invoice](#).

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## EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

### Benefit Breakfast Coming Soon

Dear Friends,

Please be my guest at the Everett Public Schools Foundation's 26th Annual Benefit Breakfast on **Wednesday, March 4, 2020**.

As you know, I've been a part of the Everett Public Schools Foundation for a few years now and I'm proud of the work we do to support innovative teachers, early learning endeavors, and high school and beyond events. We use our annual benefit breakfast to raise money to support all of these efforts and more. I would love to have you as my guest this year!

You may use the link below to reserve a seat at my table. It will be a wonderful morning filled with examples of how your support makes a difference for the students and staff in the Everett Public Schools!

Also, for those of you still closely involved in PTA activities, please feel free to share this information with your PTA boards and members and help us spread the word about this event. Please reach out to me if you have any questions about the event or about the Foundation.

[REGISTER TODAY](#) for the Everett Public Schools Foundation's 26th Annual Benefit Breakfast!

Thank you for considering this fun event.

Best Regards,

Kristy Mothersbaugh  
Co-Chair, Award Celebration

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## EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEWS

### 2020 Capital Bond Information

At the Everett PTSA Council meeting on January 29, Michelle Nims from the Citizen's Committee gave PTA leaders an overview of the 2020 Capital Bond that will be on the April 28, 2020 ballot.

Highlights of the \$317.4 Million Capital Bond include:

- Replacing three of the District's oldest elementary schools: Lowell, Jackson, and Madison
- Adding 36 new permanent elementary classrooms at eight other schools within the District
- Safety improvements at all schools
- STEM career pathways in high-demand industries:
  - Aerospace & Advanced Manufacturing – Cascade High School
  - Medical & Health Careers – Everett High School
  - Information & Communication Technologies – Jackson High School

To review a complete list of items that are included within the 2020 Capital Bond, visit <https://www.everettsd.org/capitalprojects>

*Everett PTSA Council unanimously voted to endorse the Bond during the Membership Meeting.*

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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### Coronavirus - Stay in the Know

Staying healthy is of utmost importance to our kids and community! It is important for families to stay informed and take standard illness prevention tips. The same steps you take to reduce the spread of flu or other respiratory illnesses are key tools for reducing the spread of coronavirus. There are several websites worth following with strategies for good habits, as well as staying informed of the latest updates.

Please share resources with your school families to encourage everyone to follow basic prevention strategies:

- Stay home when you're sick
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue
- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects

For the latest updates from the **Everett School District**, bookmark [this page](#)

**Snohomish Health District:**

<https://www.snohd.org/484/Novel-Coronavirus-2019>

**WA State Department of Health:**

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>

Linked from the National PTA website, the [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) has terrific materials on healthy habits and resources to share with your school communities on the importance of hand washing. Many of these articles are available in English and Spanish.

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## PTA LEADER TRAININGS

**Open to all Local PTA/PTSA BOD and Officers!**

Training opportunities can be found on the Training webpage of our Council website: <http://www.everettsptacouncil.org/training.html>

### **WSPTA eLearning Options:**

Check out the PTA Leaders: Training webpage for a growing list of eLearning options for all members! Options included: Nominating Committee, Effective Meetings, Secretary: More than Just Minutes, Treasurer Basics, and Bank Statement Review. [WSPTA Training webpage](#)

### **National PTA eLearning Options:**

National PTA offers a wide variety of eLearning options for local PTA leaders and all active members. They are FREE and a great supplement to our local offerings! Go to: <https://member.pta.org/Shop/Local-Leader-eLearning-Courses>

### **eLearning Options in Spanish!**

National PTA also offers 5 eLearning options for our Spanish-speaking leaders. Check them out at: <https://member.pta.org/Shop/eLearning-Courses-En-Espanol>



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For more information or further assistance, please refer to the Council Contact list in this eBlast and also posted on our [website](#).

Membership Meeting Minutes and Monthly Financials can be found on our [website](#).



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