

# Welcome Community Leaders!



#proud2bLWSD

Every Student  
Future Ready:

*Prepared for  
College*

*Prepared for the  
Global Workplace*

*Prepared for  
Personal Success*



Please enjoy  
breakfast  
and music

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Our program  
will begin at  
8:00 a.m.

# American Education Week

November 13-17, 2017

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## **Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility**



- **Share** our vision for students
- **Highlight** the great work happening in our schools
- **Thank** the community for your support and involvement

# Today is about...

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# Our Mission

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Each student will graduate prepared to lead a rewarding responsible life as a contributing member of our community and greater society



# Our Vision

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# Our Ideals, Values and Goals

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## Values

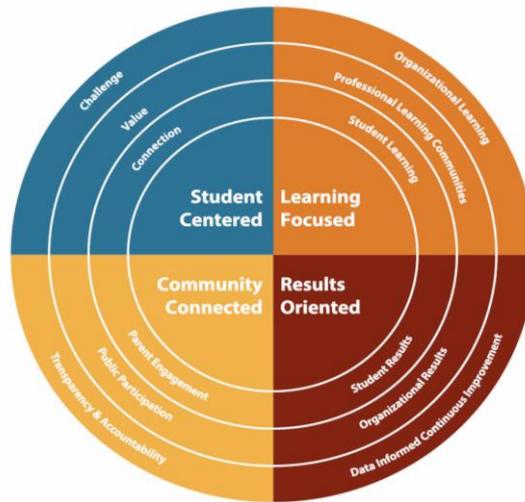
## Goals

### Ideals

Opportunity & Equity

Innovation

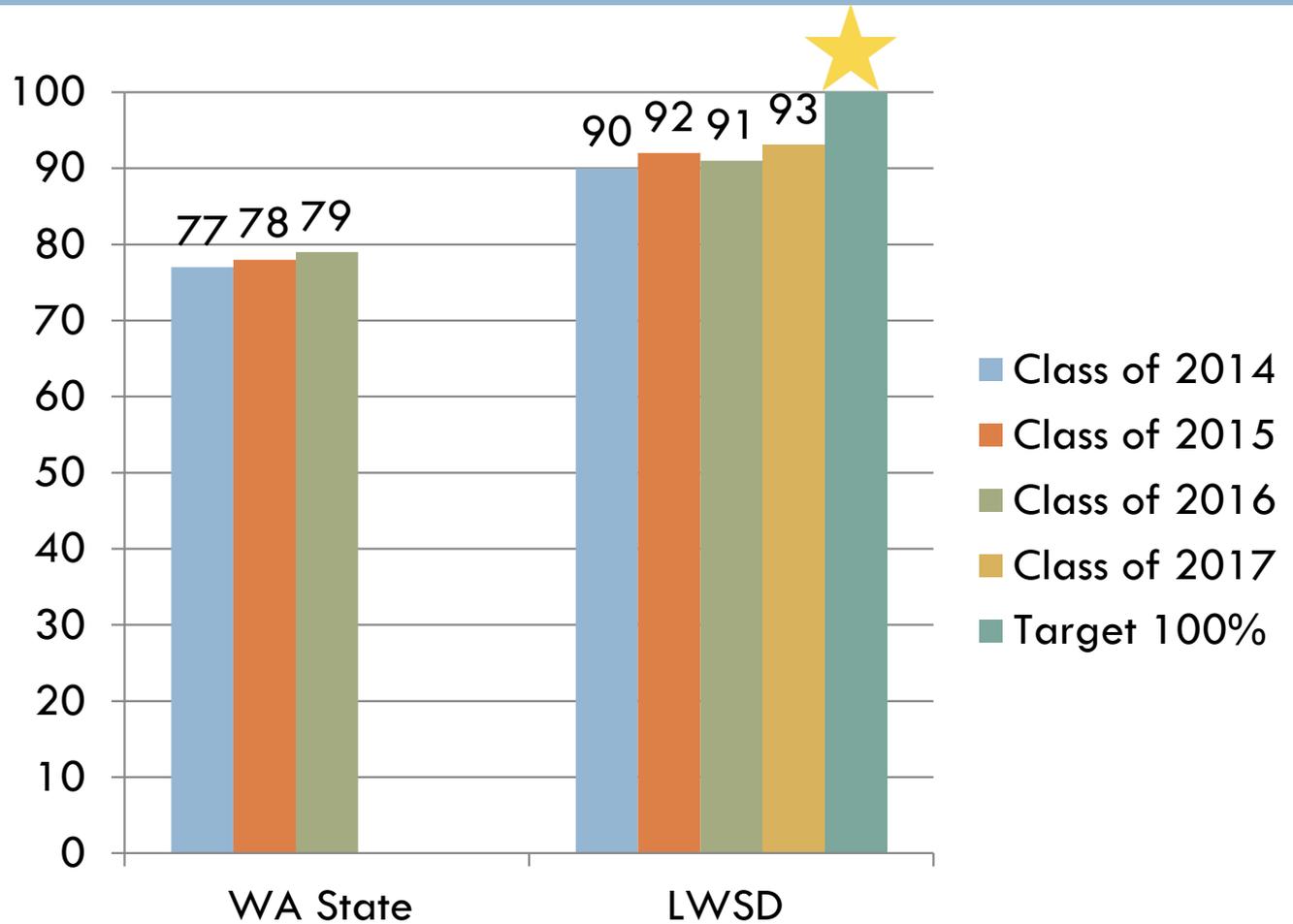
Improvement



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# Achieving our Mission

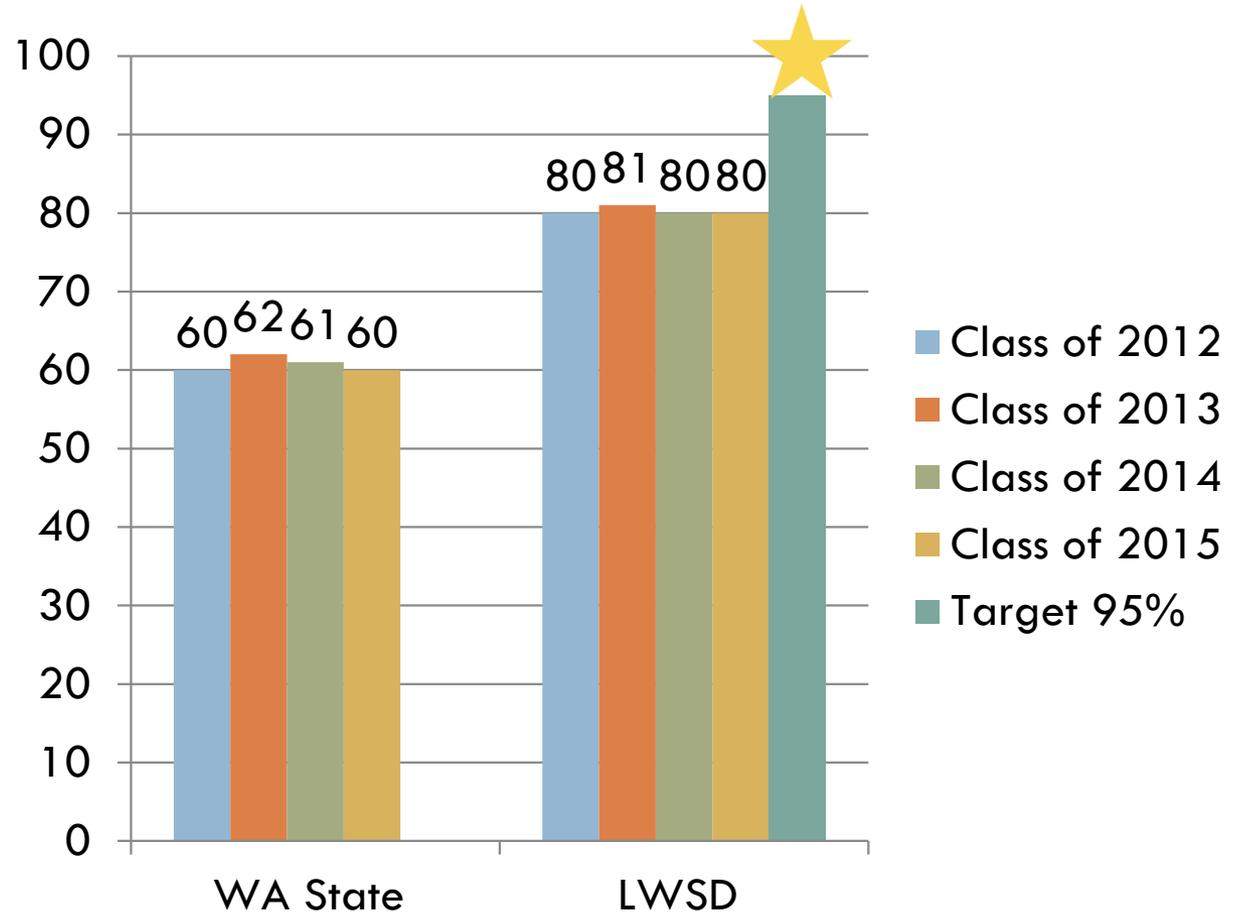
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# Achieving our Vision

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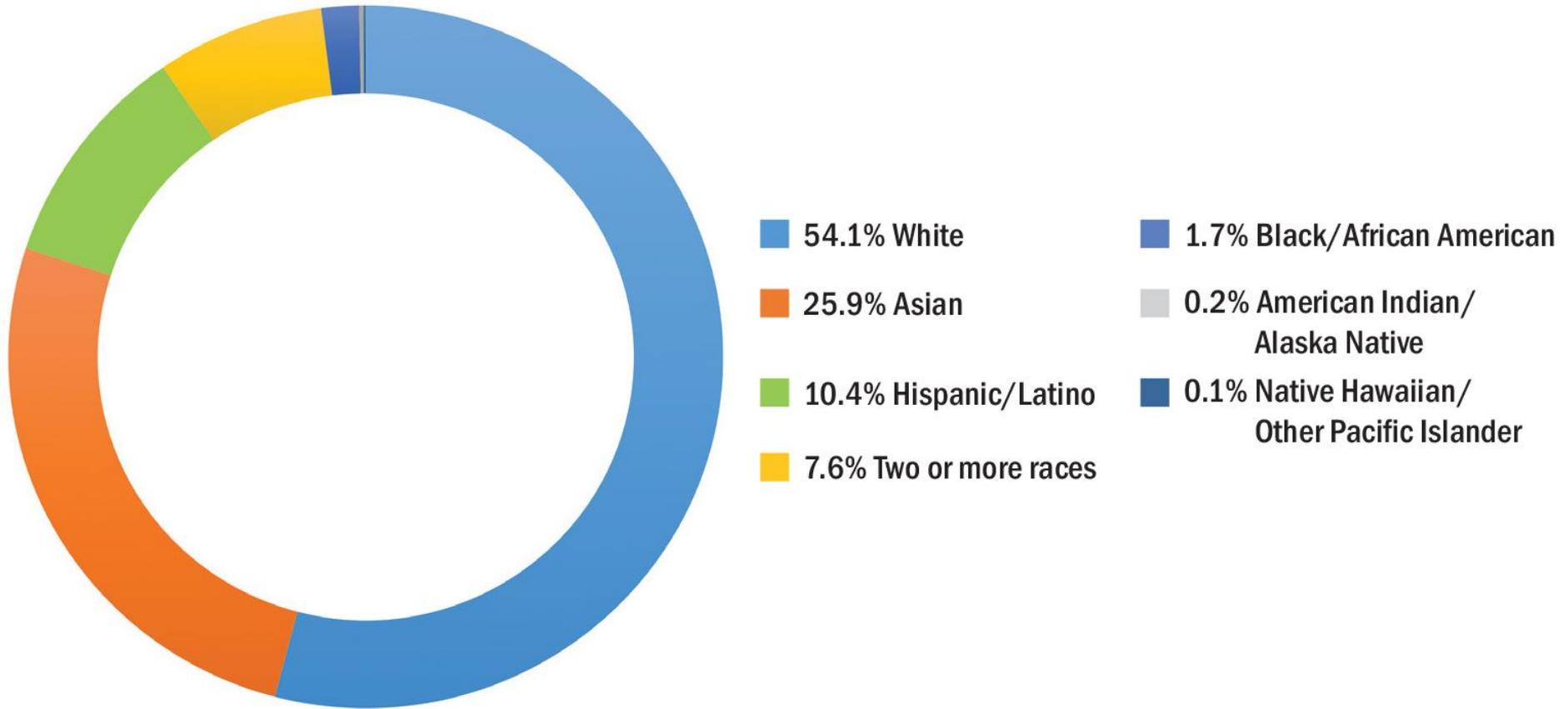
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% Enrolling in Postsecondary Education

# Our 29,572 Students

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**PreK-12**  
Grade Span



**11.3%**  
Reduced Price Meals



**11.3%**  
Special Education



**10.1%**  
Transitional Bilingual



**115**  
Languages spoken

# Today is about...

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# Our People

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City of Redmond - Business - About Redmond Business - Largest Employers

## Largest Employers

Top 20 Redmond Employers for 2016\*:

Rank	Company	FTE Jobs**
1	Microsoft Corporation	34,341
2	Terex Washington & USA	2,656
3	Eurest Dining Services	1,041
4	Aerotek Inc.	978
5	Lake Washington School District ***	877
6	Nintendo of America	876
7	AT&T Mobility (includes retail stores)	802
8	United Parcel Service	757
9	Physio-Control Inc.	706
10	Honeywell International Inc.	677

- 1,753 teachers/certificated employees
- 611 classified employees (school year and year-round)
- 123 administrative staff

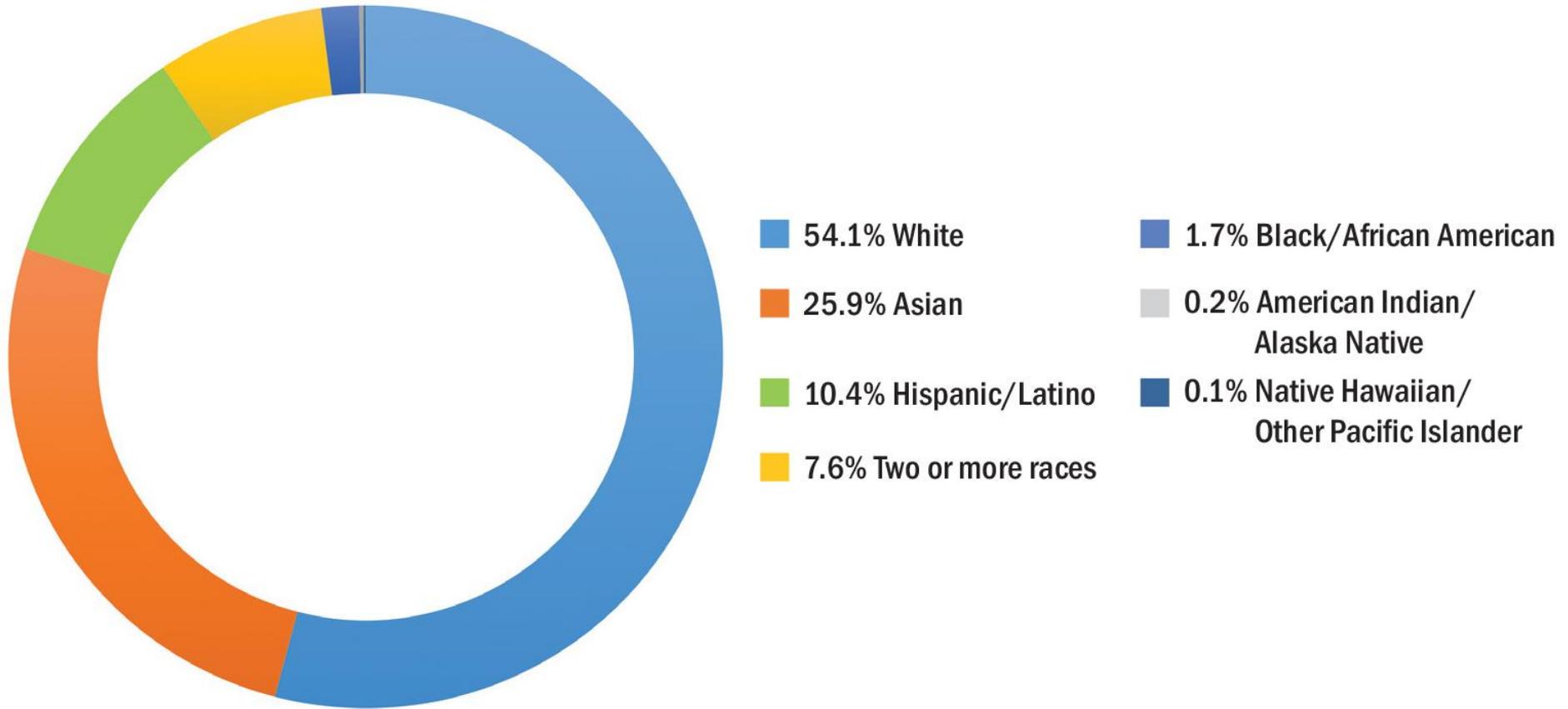
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# Our 29,572 Students

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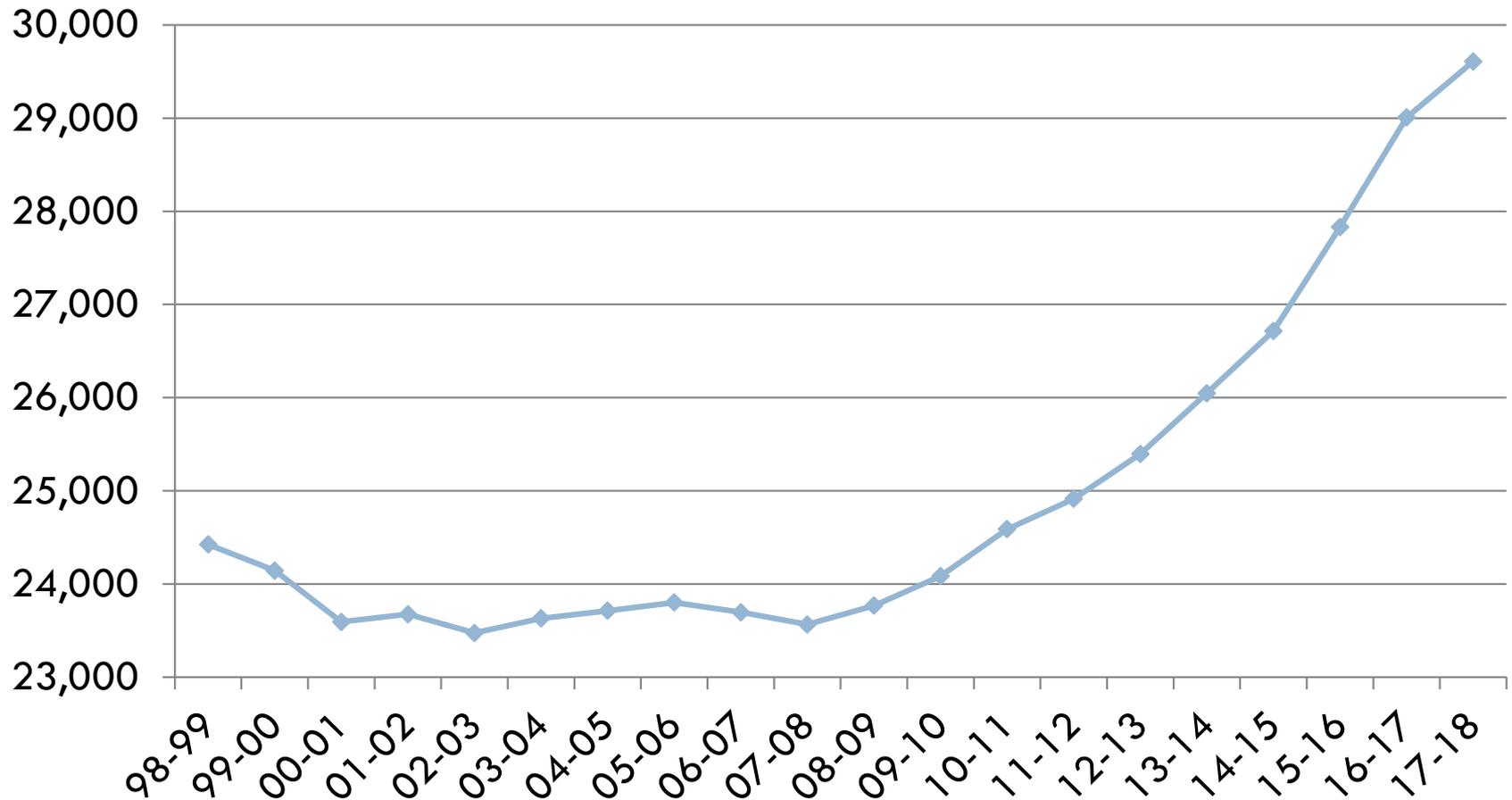


# Thank You!

## 2016 Bond Measure



# Historical Enrollment Growth

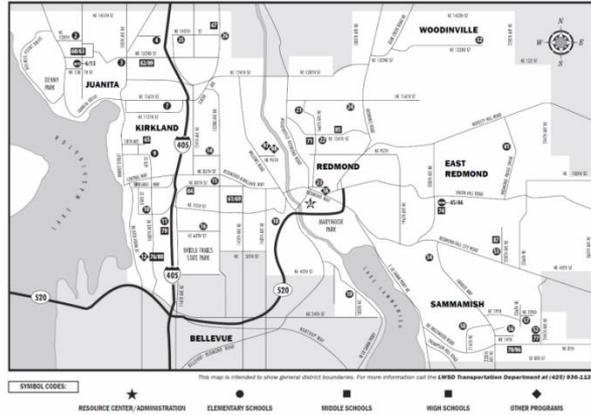


# LWSD by the numbers

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**76** square miles

LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT



**52** schools

**3** cities: Kirkland, Redmond, Sammamish, plus parts of unincorporated King County and a small part of Bellevue

**3<sup>rd</sup>** largest district in Washington State

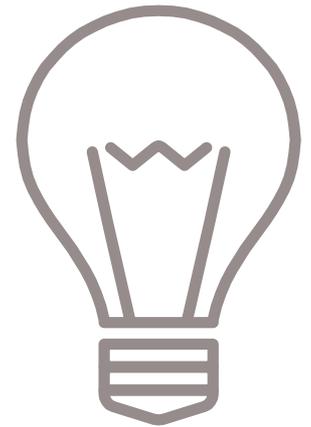


# February 2018 Measures

Bond	Capital Projects Levy	Educational Programs & Operations (EP&O) Levy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The second of four planned measures</li><li>• Provides funding for the <b>construction of new schools and classrooms</b> needed to address growing student enrollment</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replaces the 2014 levy, which expires at the end of 2018</li><li>• Provides funding for <b>district technology and facilities</b> not funded by the state</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replaces the 2014 EP&amp;O levy, which expires at the end of 2018</li><li>• Provides funding for <b>important programs and operations</b> not funded by the state</li></ul>

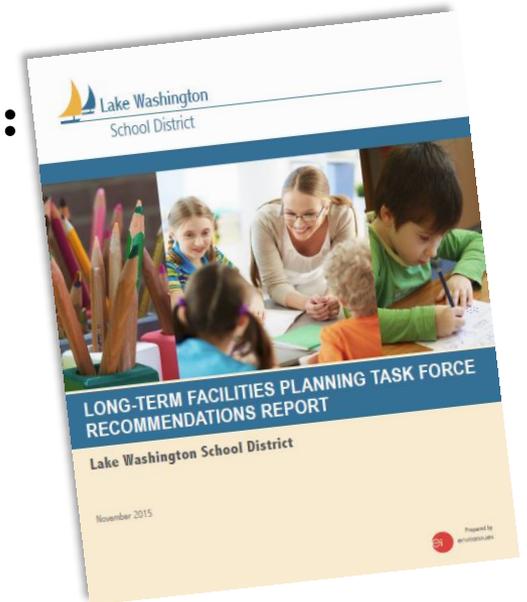
# Bond & Levies

- Provide students with the best **learning environments** possible and **provide classrooms** for our ever-growing student population
- Ensure our students have **safe school facilities** and access to **technology for learning**
- Ensure our students have **access to the staff, programs, and course offerings** to be successful and **graduate future ready**



# Task Force Recommendation: Build More Schools

- Long-term strategy through 2029-30:
  - ➔ Intentional planning
  - ➔ Creative options
  - ➔ Efficient use of space
  - ➔ Well-built, cost effective designs
  - ➔ Continued community involvement
  - ➔ Recommended back-up plans



2016  
Bond

2018  
Bond

2022  
Bond

2026  
Bond

# Long-Term Facility Funding Plan

## April 2016

## February 2018

## 2022

## 2026

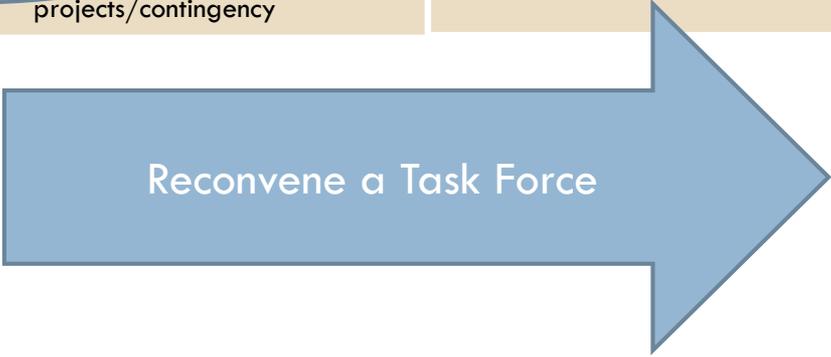
- New elementary school on Redmond Ridge
- New elementary in North Redmond
- New middle school on Redmond Ridge
- Juanita High School
- Kirk Elementary
- Mead
- Old Redmond Schoolhouse - preschool
- Explorer Elementary modulars
- Capital projects for Title IX and/or ADA

- Addition at Lake Washington High School
- New elementary school in Lake Washington region
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- spaces
- Land
- Site specific capital projects/contingency

- Choice high school in Lake Washington region
- New elementary in Lake Washington region
- Redmond
- capital projects/contingency

- Addition at Finn Hill Middle
- Smith Elementary
- Special Education learning spaces
- Land for future projects
- Potential future projects TBD
- Site specific capital projects/contingency

**No Tax Rate Increase**  
**\$1.31 per thousand AV**



**\$398 million**  
 Adds space for 3,000 students

**\$299 million**  
 Adds space for 2,100 students

# Replacement Levy

## Capital Projects Levy

Facilities	Technology
Building & System Improvements	Technology Infrastructure & Support
Site Improvements, including Athletic & Play Fields	Equipment
School & Program Improvements	Instructional Software & Support Systems
Code, Compliance, Health & Safety	Business & Technology Systems
	Technology Training & Professional Development

**\$13.15 million**  
average per year

**\$23.6 million**  
average per year

**No Tax Rate Increase**  
**\$0.59 per thousand AV**

# The McCleary Solution

- Historically, school districts in Washington State have heavily relied on local levies to fund Basic Education
- The Supreme Court ruled that the state was not meeting its constitutional obligation to fully fund Basic Education
- This ruling, known as the McCleary decision, resulted in the state legislature's "McCleary Plan," which is intended to provide additional funding for Basic Education for all 295 districts in Washington State



# The McCleary Solution

- Provides more state funding for Basic

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**LWSD is seeking *less than* the full amount authorized by the state legislature**

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Educational Programs  
& Operations Levies

**DECREASE**

# Educational Programs and Operations Levy

Category	Items Funded
Staffing for Programs, Safety & Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificated and classified staff for Special Education, Highly Capable and English Learner programs</li> <li>Substitutes, nurses, health room staff, campus security staff</li> </ul>
Professional Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Teacher Support</li> <li>Five (5) professional learning</li> <li>Training, year-long professional learning</li> </ul>
Athletics & Extracurricular Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Athletic</li> <li>Activity</li> </ul>
Additional Course Offerings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7-period day requirement</li> <li>Summer learning</li> </ul>
Early Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Head Start, Ready Start, and Special Education preschool</li> </ul>

**Tax Rate Decrease**  
**\$1.03 per thousand AV**

**\$63.5 million**  
**average per year**

# Total Local LWSD Tax Rate

	Educational Programs and Operations & Levy	Capital Projects Levy	Bond	Total
2018	\$1.26	\$0.59	\$1.31	\$3.16
2019	\$1.03 ↓	\$0.59	\$1.31	\$2.93 ↓

↓ **\$0.23**

# Our Commitment



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# Fiscal Responsibility

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- In 2014, the district saved taxpayers **\$17.3 million** through bond refinancing
- We have the highest Moody's rating of **Aaa**, and a S & P rating of **AA+**
  - ▣ Highest rating assigned to any school district in the state
  - ▣ Shared by only Bellevue and Issaquah
- In 2016 the district saved taxpayers an additional **\$6.9 million** through bond refinancing



# Transparency & Accountability

**Strategic Plan Update & 2015-16 Annual Report**  
 Lake Washington School District  
 March 2017

**Message from the Superintendent**  
 As the third largest school district in Washington state, Lake Washington is proud to serve over 29,000 students. Our mission and vision is focused on graduating Every Student Future Ready: prepared for college, prepared for personal success. As a public school system, we are accountable to our students, parents, community members and taxpayers. Each year we are pleased to provide this annual report to the community, highlighting our progress toward accomplishing our mission, vision, and strategic goals.

As our student enrollment continues to grow, we remain committed to our four core values of being student centered, learning focused, results oriented, and community connected. Our core values guide our work to accomplish our five strategic goals:

1. Ensure academic success for every student
2. Provide safe and innovative learning environments
3. Recruit, hire, and retain highly effective personnel
4. Use resources effectively and be fiscally responsible
5. Engage our communities

This report, organized around each strategic goal, provides a summary of the initiatives and efforts underway throughout the 2015-16 school year.

**Goal 1: Ensure academic success for every student**

**Key indicators**  
 Every student can achieve academic success, no matter their background, home situation or family resources. It is our responsibility to help each and every student to learn, grow and be challenged to do their best. One way that we track student success is through state assessments.

Spring 2016 marks the second year that students took the new online Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA). These assessments are given in grades 3 through 8 and in high school in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. Using the 2015 SBA results, the school board and superintendent set new targets last year for LWSD's goals. Tests that have not changed, like the MSP in science for grades 5 and 8, have the same targets as before.

Test scores in the district continue to improve. For most subject area scores by grade, the percent of students at standard in 2016 rose from 2015. The percent of fifth graders at standard in math stayed the same.

The SBA math exam continues to have low participation in 11th grade. Many of these students have already taken the End of Course (EOC) exam. They met the state math test graduation requirements using those scores. Therefore, many chose not to take the SBA math exam. For state reporting purposes, those students counted as not at standard, receiving a zero for the test.

*Note: A complete fiscal accounting for the district is available on its website at: [www.lwsd.org/News/publications/Pages/Budget-Summary.aspx](http://www.lwsd.org/News/publications/Pages/Budget-Summary.aspx). State auditor reports are posted there when complete.*

Updated data for the key performance indicators tied to each goal communicate our progress toward achieving our goals, and ultimately, our vision of Every Student Future Ready.

We are working hard to provide the very best education to students and the very best service and value to our families and community members. The community plays an important role in our success and the success of our students. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in helping make Lake Washington an outstanding school district. We are proud to be LWSD!

*-Dr. Traci Pierce, Superintendent*

*Dr. Pierce with Rose Hill Elementary Natural Leaders*

**Lake Washington School District  
 2017-18 Budget**

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# Growing Writers: Mentor Text

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Earlier this morning, you heard from a former LWSD student. In his letter, he wrote about how a teacher influenced him.

Many people influence us. Sometimes they introduce us to a new ideas or interests, sometimes they affect our views on things. Think of an educator who has had a significant influence on you.

Today you'll write about a teacher who influenced you.

**To start, think about what you noticed as you heard Jonathan Qu's letter to Mrs. Baker.**

Hi Mrs. Baker,

I'm Jonathan Qu, currently a 3rd year undergraduate studying Genetics and Plant Biology at UC Berkeley. I'm not sure if you remember, but I was part of your music classes at Alcott Elementary a number of years ago now (from Fall 2004 as a first grader to Spring 2009 as a sixth grader, if I've done the math right) as well as the drama club for one year. I recently thought of you and your music classes when I went to a political benefit concert. At the end of the concert the bands went back on stage and played "This Land is Your Land"; everybody danced and clapped along, but I was part of only a fraction of the crowd which knew the lyrics, thanks to your class all those years ago!

In recent months I, like many people in this country I think, have been doing some soul-searching with regard to what it means to be an American, and what it will take to bridge the gaps of culture and lifestyle and belief that seem to divide us so deeply. I don't pretend to have an answer to that question, but I believe that one way that we might begin to achieve unity and mutual respect is to revisit the fundamental values on which America was built, and the fights that have been fought to defend those values—of freedom, of equality, of justice, etc. And I believe that one powerful way that we can connect deeply with that historical legacy is through music.

People have engaged in a lot of political debate recently over public education and what it ought to provide to students, and it seems that these debates have produced some amount of threat to arts and humanities education. With regard to music education, one can make arguments about its practical value, in language development, indirectly improving math skills, etc. But I think that music education has a lot of intangible value, including the cultivation of a sense of connection to our shared cultural heritage, as humans and as Americans. Some of my strongest memories from elementary school are from your classroom, sitting in a circle with those booklets with the plastic binding rings, full of song lyrics—"Shed a Little Light," "We Shall Overcome," "God Bless America," "This Is My Country," "Let Freedom Ring," and so on. And I think those memories stand out to me so strongly because it was in your classes that I first began to think deeply about the promises of American democracy, of the struggles to achieve them (in the Civil Rights Movement and elsewhere), the work that remains, and my place in it all. Sure, you can understand the story of the fight for American ideals through a history class or a history book or historical photos, but it's through music, especially through making music yourself, that you can create a much more visceral and personally meaningful connection to that past. And for creating a space in which to do that, I'd like to say thank you.

Hope this email finds you well,

Jonathan Qu

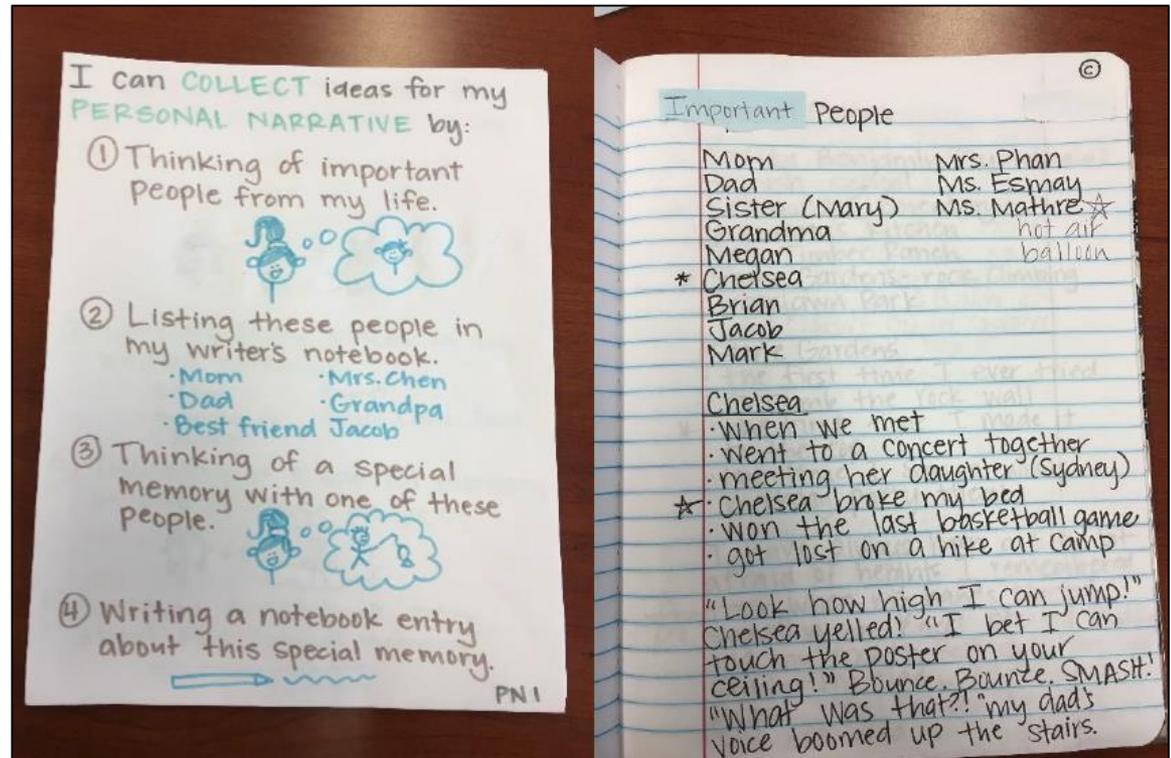
UC Berkeley Class of 2019

# Growing Writers: Collecting Ideas

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Prewriting is like getting ready for a road trip. Students must gather information and make some initial decisions about the direction they are headed.

**Take a few moments to list important teachers from your life.**



Writer's notebook from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom.

# Growing Writers: Developing Ideas

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During writing units, teachers will include lessons on word choice, vocabulary and grammar.

**Put a star next to one of your teachers, and write down an “abstract noun” that is a quality that makes him or her important to you.**

## Concrete and Abstract Nouns

Concrete nouns can be identified through one or more of the five senses.

- House
- Tiger
- Teacher
- Mailbox
- Billy

Abstract nouns are often ideas or qualities.

- Bravery
- Courage
- Patience
- Humor
- Dedication

*During writing lessons our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students create charts showing differing types of nouns.*

# Growing Writers: Developing Ideas with a Writing Partner

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*Lake Washington elementary students share their writing ideas.*

Now, share an initial idea with a table partner about the important teacher you selected.

Partners, as you're listening, think about something you want to know more about.

**Ask your partner a question about this after he or she has finished sharing.**

# Growing Writers: Drafting

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In the drafting phase, students get their ideas on the page as quickly and easily as they can, focusing their efforts on content. Drafting is a place for writers to engage in exploration of an idea or topic.

**Use your ideas and your partner's feedback to write about a teacher who had a significant influence on you.**

# Example

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*“I’ll always remember my 10<sup>th</sup> grade biology teacher, Mr. Toretto. His knowledge of science and ability to teach with humor and caring, ultimately led me to become an educator – a career I’ve loved.”*

- Mike VanOrden, Associate Superintendent LWSD

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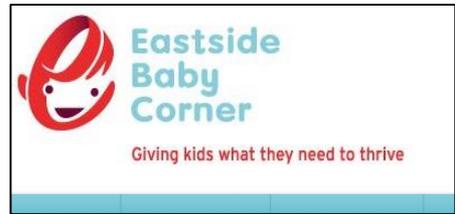




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- **Supporting** us
- **Helping** every student be Future Ready!

