

Dear Community,

I hope this correspondence finds you in good health and everything in your life is somewhat normal during these challenging and ever-changing times.

I am happy to report that in respect to various challenges, the Shelton School District continues to strive forward from taking a strong stand in support of student, staff, and family health and safety to program innovation and support. The Shelton School District continues its march forward to provide the very best for staff and students alike.



Shelton School District Highlights

1. First I would like to recognize, thanks to special funding from the State of Washington, we hired or we are in the process of hiring additional K-3 teachers to lower class size. This is a very exciting development that provides both teachers and students a classroom environment for continued success.
2. Even though school has not been in session in a traditional sense for many months, this past spring we provided the very best online instruction possible considering we only had 30 days to transition to a new model of educating our students. I believe our efforts were stellar considering the many challenges and factors involved.
3. This fall we will move forward with online teaching and learning that will be consistent through the K-12 online platform. This will not only be supportive of staff but it will also offer peace of mind to students and their families. We will also provide online professional assistance for all staff and families. This should be a huge plus for all. This platform will not inhibit staff skills in the area of innovation and creativity.
4. Even during these difficult times, the Shelton School District is progressing forward, thinking ahead. In terms of the future, we are moving ahead on the new Cedar High School which will be a project and community based high school. This new high school will be situated on property that we are very close to obtaining. We hope that this effort is initiated sometime this fall.

Principal Stacey Anderson, Asst. Principal Amber Hosford, and staff have been working on this project all year, and based on their efforts we will implement another educational option for our students. CHOICE High School will continue to maintain its important role for students as it has in the past with a few new "twists" as we move into the 2020-21 school year. Congratulations to the staff and students at CHOICE High School for their perseverance and initiative to establish a new high school and also consider new programs at CHOICE High School at the same time against all odds. Congratulations!

5. We are also moving forward on a Manufacturing, Engineering, and Technology (MET) Academy and facility that will be situated on the Shelton High School campus, specifically on the current staff parking lot. The staff parking lot will be relocated which is part of the design process currently in progress. The facility is scheduled to be completed by the fall of 2021.

The project will be funded entirely by non-high school district money. This money is the non-high school district's legal obligation and contribution towards the passing of the \$60 million-plus bond. This money can only be spent on high school capital projects which makes it possible to also initiate the new Cedar High School. The total non-high school district contribution is \$6.5 million. The new MET Academy facility cost is between \$4 and \$5 million.

This is a perfect example of making money count towards improving our students' future. Graduation Matters Shelton is for real. A big thank you to our community and staff.

6. In addition, we are also experiencing continued success with the Health Science Academy. Thanks to our K-12 staff and the leadership of Don Welander, Deena Alley, and Maryann Marshall, we are moving full speed towards additional CTE certification programs and K-12 academy pathways leading towards higher graduation rates and post-high school planning and opportunities.

Thank you to all of you in the community as we continue to excel regardless of the pandemic and the challenges involved. Again, a big thank you for your patience, understanding, and commitment to our students and school district. Continue to be strong. Our students need us more now than ever before.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon. I feel honored and humbled to serve as your Superintendent. Best to you.

Sincerely,

Alex P. Apostle



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The 2020-21 school year is going to look very different as we work diligently to keep families safe by providing online learning. To make sure you are in the loop to have a successful school year, we have provided multiple communication channels for you to access information including district updates, technology help, community resources, and more!

WEBSITE



All information regarding the 20-21 school year can be found on the "2020-21 School Year" webpage which is updated regularly - www.sheltonschools.org

EMAIL



The district and schools will reach out via email with updates. You may also email your schools with questions and/or concerns.

PHONE CALLS & TEXTS



The district and schools will reach out via phone calls and texts with updates. You may also call your school with questions and/or concerns.

SOCIAL MEDIA



Follow our district and school Facebook pages for updates. Also, follow SheltonSchools on Instagram and YouTube.

OTHER



- iFIBER ONE NEWS Radio 1030 AM/103.3 FM: Weekly interviews with Dr. Apostle.
- School Board Meetings: Held on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month starting at 6:00 PM on SSD's YouTube channel.
- Hard copies of some information will be available at our meal distribution sites.



Annual Notices - Revised June, 2020
Non-Discrimination Statement: Shelton School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Title IX Coordinator - Terry Meisenburg, Executive Dir. of Human Resources - 700 S. First Street, Shelton, WA 98584; 360-426-1687; Email: tmeisenburg@sheltonschools.org - Section 504/ADA Coordinator - Jenny LaFrenier, Director of Special Services - 700 S. First Street, Shelton, WA 98584; 360-426-2151; Email: jlafrenier@sheltonschools.org - Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator - Terry Meisenburg, Executive Dir. of Human Resources - 700 S. First Street, Shelton, WA 98584; 360-426-1687 - Email: tmeisenburg@sheltonschools.org - Complaint procedures can be found on the District's website under Policy & Procedure 3210.
Sexual Harassment: Students and staff are protected against sexual harassment by anyone in any school program or activity, including on the school campus, on the school bus, or off-campus during a school-sponsored activity. Sexual harassment is unwelcome behavior or communication that is sexual in nature when: A student or employee is led to believe that he or she must submit to unwelcome sexual conduct or communications in order to gain something in return, such as a grade, a promotion, a place on a sports team, or any educational or employment decision, or The conduct substantially interferes with a student's educational performance, or creates an intimidating or hostile educational or employment environment. Examples of Sexual Harassment: Pressuring a person for sexual favors; Unwelcome touching of a sexual nature; Writing graffiti of a sexual nature; Distributing sexually explicit texts, e-mails, or pictures; Making sexual jokes, rumors, or suggestive remarks; Physical violence, including rape and sexual assault; You can report sexual harassment to any school staff member or to the district's Title IX Officer, who is listed above. You also have the right to file a complaint. For a copy of your district's sexual harassment policy and procedure, contact your school or district office, or view Policy 3210 online here: https://www.sheltonschools.org/district/policy_procedure_Gender-Inclusive_Schools_Policy_and_Procedure_Notification - Shelton School District's Gender-Inclusive Schools Policy (3211) and Procedures (3211P) and Form (3211F) may be found on the District's website by clicking on the following link: https://www.sheltonschools.org/district/policy_procedure. Copies of the policy/procedures/forms may also be obtained by contacting the District Office at 360-426-1687, or in person at 700 S. 1st Street, Shelton, WA 98584.
Regulation of Weapons on School Premises: It is unlawful for a person to carry onto, or to possess on, public or private elementary or secondary school premises, school provided transportation, or areas of facilities while being used exclusively by public or private schools, any firearm or any dangerous weapon (RCW 9A.41.280, RCW 69.50.435, REC 28A.210.310(2)). For more information and for the complete policy and procedures regarding weapons on school premises, see School Board Policy No. 4210, which can be found on the District's website at <https://www.sheltonschools.org/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?fileid=2017844>.
Teacher and Para Educator Qualification Notice: Parents can request information regarding the professional qualifications of their students' classroom teachers and para educators. An online publication, Parent's Right to Be Informed, is available in English and Spanish at: <http://www.k12.wa.us/Title/ParentFamilyEngagement/ParentsGuardians.aspx>. Information regarding teacher and para educator qualifications can also be obtained by contacting Terry Meisenburg, Executive Director of Human Resources at tmeisenburg@sheltonschools.org, or by calling 360-426-1687.
Public Records: Pursuant to RCW 42.17, parents and other members of the public have the right to inspect and copy public records retained by the District, including records pertaining to employee discipline, unless the records are exempt from public disclosure under state law. To request records, contact Terry Meisenburg, the Records Coordinator at 360-426-1687, or tmeisenburg@sheltonschools.org.