



FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS

Agenda

Overview of BPS Family Engagement

Family Resource Centers

Partnering with United Way & City of Bellingham

Student, Family, and Community Engagement is a key strategy in The Bellingham Promise.

Family Engagement has a particular focus on families experiencing homelessness, those who speak languages other than English, are new to the country, or experiencing financial hardship.

Goal: Creating a culture of trust and partnership between students, families, staff, and community partners.



What Drives Our Work

Total students:
11,388

Students who are
multilingual:
1,113

Number of languages
spoken:
72

Students qualifying
for McKinney-Vento:
771*

Students in foster
care:
17

Percentage of
students that qualify
for free/reduced
lunch:
47%

*As of 5/5/25, total is cumulative

Students qualifying for McKinney-Vento 2024-25: 972



Graduation Reality And Dual-Role Skills

An In-School Program for Pregnant Teens and Young Parents

- Educational instruction in Family and Consumer Science curriculum
- Earning required credits toward high school graduation
- Health services support from the Department of Health
- Individual and group counseling
- On-site licensed childcare for children 1 month to 5 years
- Assistance accessing community resources

Investing in our students through FRC

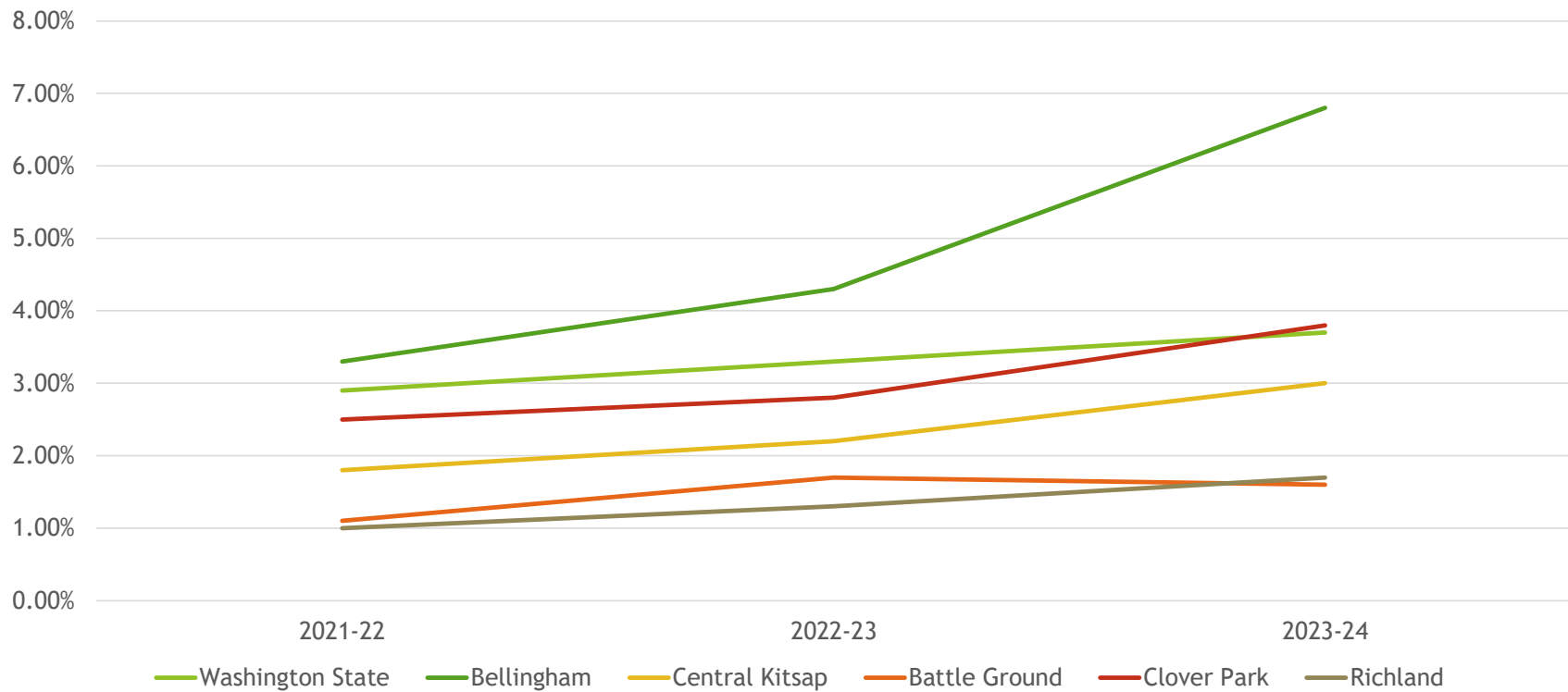
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**Addresses barriers
students experiencing
homelessness face when
enrolling, attending, and
thriving in school**

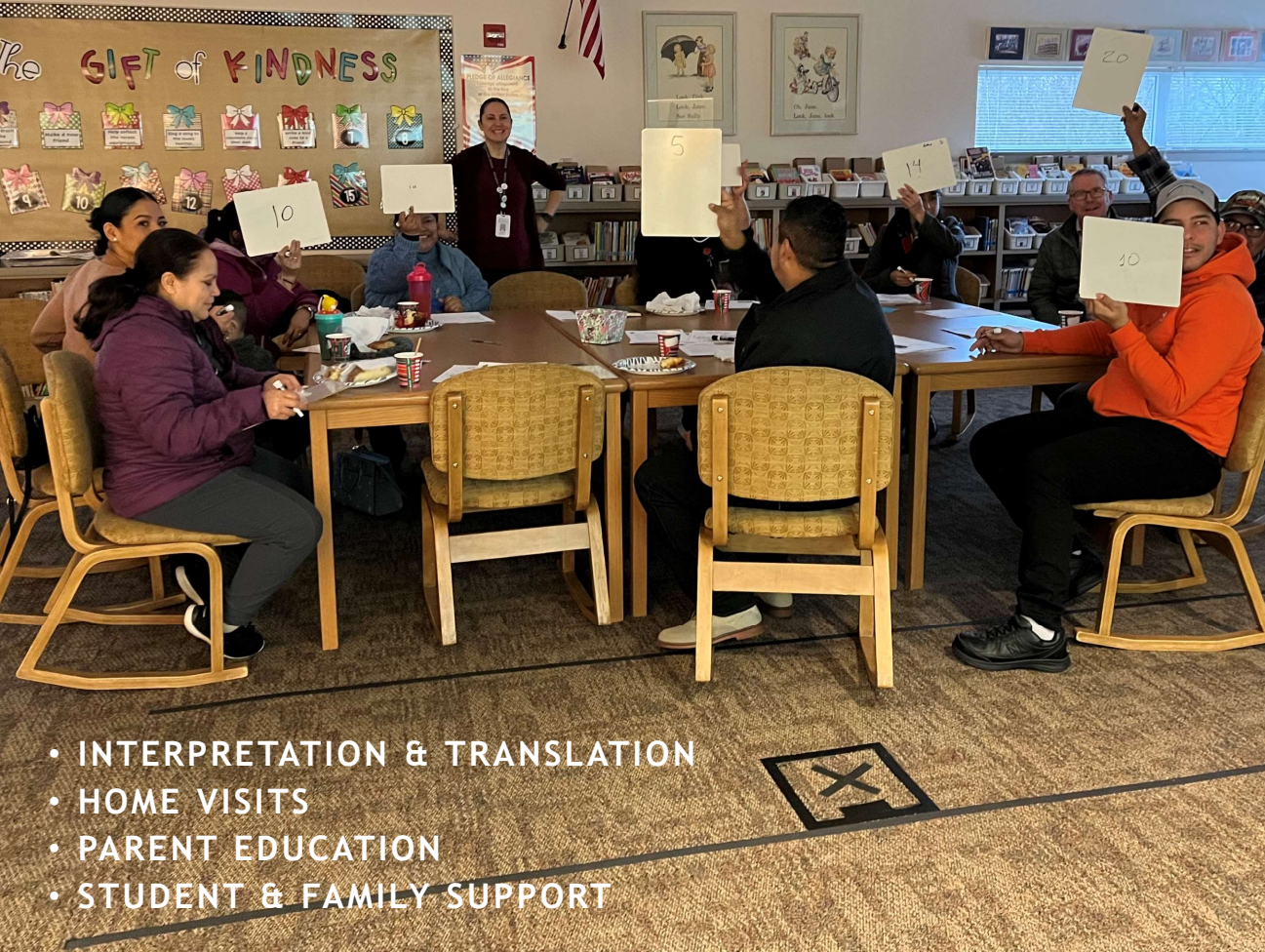
Key services:

- Immediate enrollment
- Eliminating transportation barriers
- Free school meals
- Unaccompanied youth
- Support for academic success
- Student-centered
- Working together with school staff to provide wrap around support

McKinney-Vento Rate - Comparably Sized Districts



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT



- INTERPRETATION & TRANSLATION
- HOME VISITS
- PARENT EDUCATION
- STUDENT & FAMILY SUPPORT



Hello

こんにちは xin chào مرحبا 你好

ਸਤਿ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ ਜੀ HOLA Привет

We can help you in your language!

Please let us know if you need an interpreter or a document translated into your language — at no cost to you.

Call 360-676-6456 or email frc@bellingshamschools.org.

ENGLISH

Family Engagement through FRCs

Need for a physical location - families need a hub

Magic of engagement

Opportunity to welcome families and build trust

Whole child approach - prevention services

Family Resource Centers

Cozier Elementary & Shuksan Middle School



Evelyn Molina



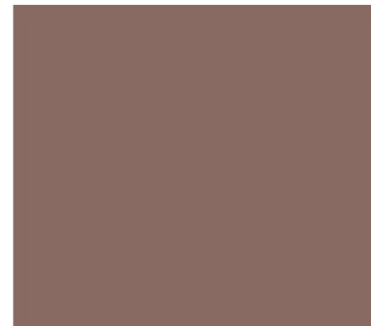
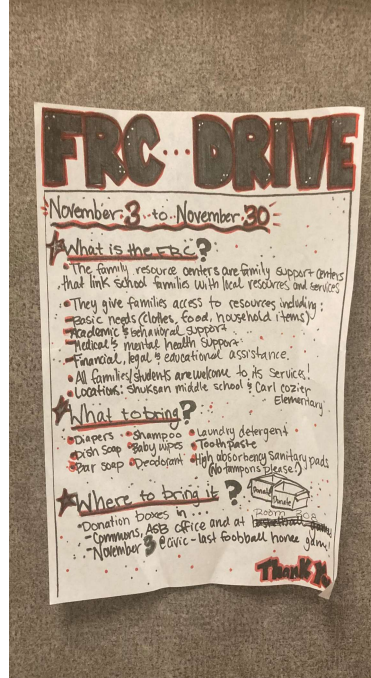
Elsa Powell


- Personal care items
- Computers available for public use
- Help with enrollment, final forms
- Free/reduced lunch applications
- Support with housing & employment search
- Information and referrals to community resources
- Applications for programs - internet, laptops, extracurricular activities
- Multilingual support



Family Care Packages

- ▶ Laundry detergent
- ▶ Dish soap
- ▶ Toilet paper
- ▶ Diapers & wipes
- ▶ Deodorant
- ▶ Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- ▶ Tampons & pads
- ▶ Body soap
- ▶ Shampoo & conditioner





525 individuals
served*

Impact of Carl Cozier FRC

Expanded capacity of FRC support

Connecting to coordinated entry

Rental applications & landlord outreach

Building hope towards stability

Support for building level staff

*Total for 2023-24 school year

Family Support Program

Opportunity Council & City of Bellingham & BPS

Supports families not eligible for coordinated entry but at risk of homelessness

Crucial preventative program

Case manager based out of Carl Cozier FRC

Sharing space leads to collaboration

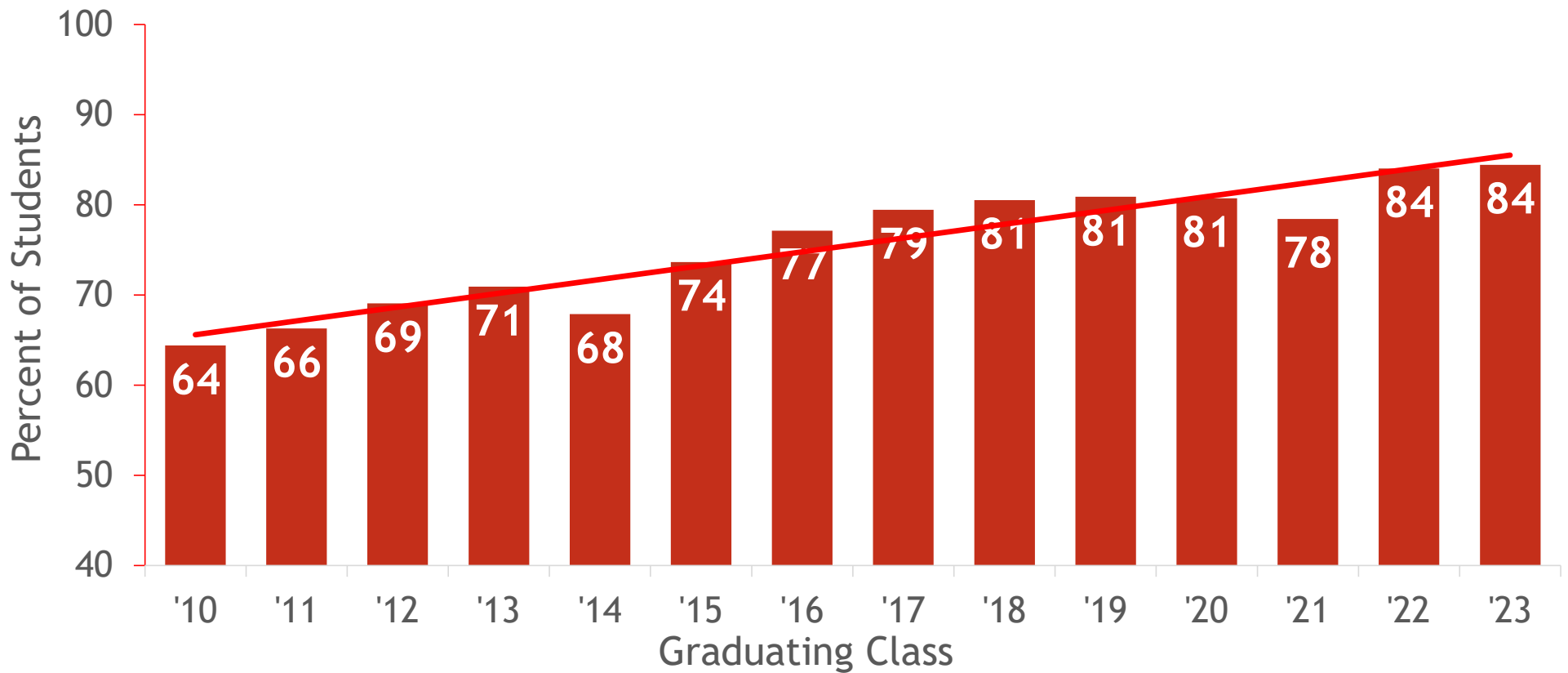
Families able to access multiple resources in one place

Quick referral and information

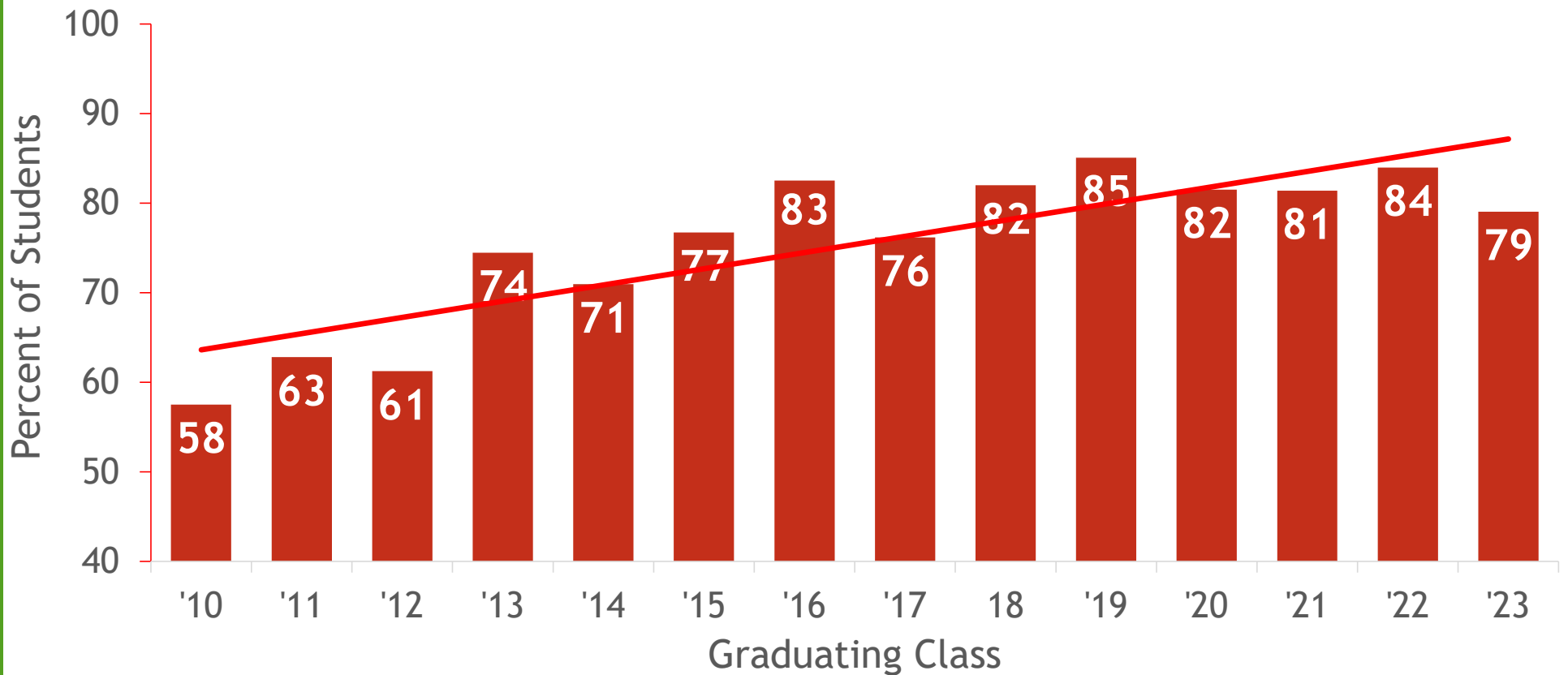
Deeper understanding of how both systems operate

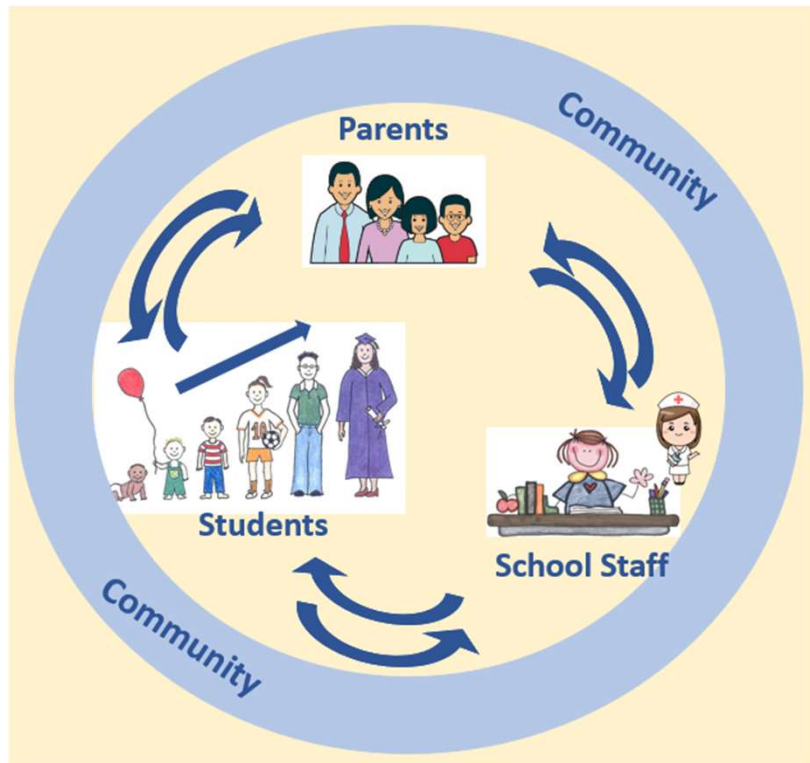
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Bellingham Public Schools 5-Year Graduation Rates Students from Low-Income Families



Bellingham Public Schools 5-Year Graduation Rates Hispanic and Latinx Students





vision

We, as a community, make a collective commitment to Bellingham's children. We will empower every child to discover and develop their passions, contribute to their community, and achieve a fulfilling and productive life.

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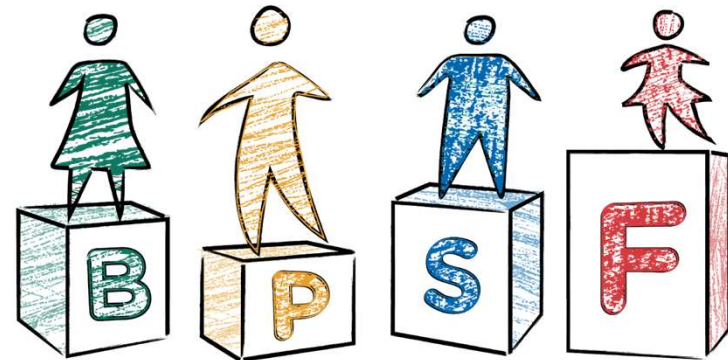
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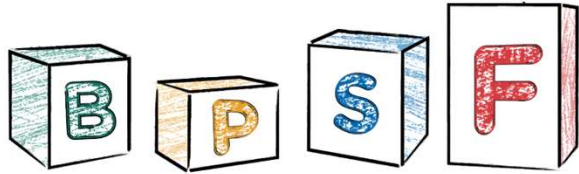
Questions?

Role of the Bellingham Public Schools Foundation

- ▶ Nonprofit partner of the Bellingham School District
- ▶ Provides higher level of recognition for donors
- ▶ Ability to spend more flexibly (e.g. gift cards)
- ▶ Nonprofit status provides eligibility for additional grants



BELLINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION



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Investing in a bright tomorrow...

The Foundation helps to bridge the gap between basic education and what is needed to ensure every child has what they need to thrive

School foundations play a crucial role for many school districts across that nation by serving as a reliable source of funds and stability in times of need through annual giving and well-managed endowments.

We believe great teaching with strong support is vital. Our monies will support the four pillars that comprise the key strategies outlined by the district in the Bellingham Promise:

- Support for the whole child
- Innovation and Flexibility
- Early Childhood Education
- Student, Family and Community Engagement

For the 2024/25 School Year our priorities are:

- Basic Needs Support
- STEM Education
- Music and the Arts
- Student Mental Health and Social Emotional Learning

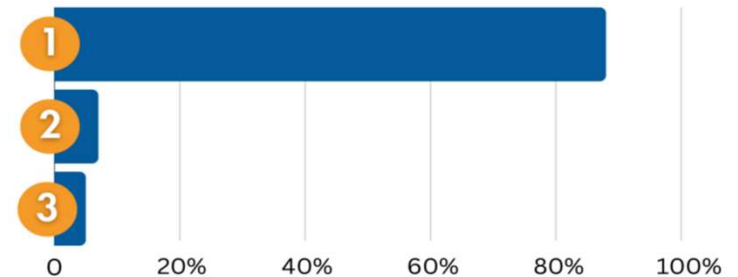
How we use your dollars

Income

Donations from Individuals	\$549,805
Grants	\$87,308
Investment & Other Income	\$9,124
Total Income	\$646,237

Expenses

Direct Program Funding	\$556,975
General Operating Costs	\$43,288
Core Mission Support	\$34,872
Total Expenses	\$635,135



- 1 This is funding that goes directly to support teachers, students, and families, paying for things like salaries, Yes Cards,
- 2 This funding supports all programs by keeping things running, paying for things like administrative salaries and utility bills at the Foundation.
- 3 The funds we use to raise even more funds, multiplying your impact.

496 students received Yes Cards

Yes Cards give teachers a way to directly help students in need. They provide basic necessities for struggling families like help with utilities, food and clothing, and even sports equipment for students who can't afford to purchase it. Frequently, Yes Cards act as a lifeline, providing immediate help to a family while counselors and social workers are able to find long term options to help support them.



Over 50 students received mental health counseling.

Children and adolescents are currently navigating through an unparalleled mental health crisis, characterized by a significant rise in anxiety, depression, and other psychological stressors. There is a tremendous need for one-on-one therapy, but it can be expensive.



67 teachers received classroom grants.

These grants enable teachers to provide their students with incredible creative opportunities that would otherwise be out of reach. Grants allow teachers to bring to life their curriculum in science, reading, arts, life skills, and music in innovative and fun ways.



Countless field trips

Students took field trips to University of Washington, Sucia Island, Seattle Art Museum and locations all throughout Whatcom county to get hands on with advanced sciences, journalism, environmental studies and to explore their future as college students.

