2017-18 Budget Proposal

Budget Development Process

January: Principals & district leaders worked with staff and school communities to make recommendations for above-baseline requests and budget reductions

March: Gathered feedback from staff, families, students & community on draft budget priorities

May: Presented draft budget & gathered more

Great Teaching with Strong Support

Implement common **HS 4x8 schedule**.

Increase **counselor support** at MS and HS

Expand **Life Skills** program sites to include **Columbia** & **Squalicum**.

Invest in **K-5 math intervention materials** to enhance our recent math curriculum adoption and **MS school social studies** curriculum.

Return **AVID** (Advancement Via Individual Determination) coordination at MS and HSs.

Provide **compensation and benefit increases** for staff, including the state schedule and local Collective Bargaining obligations.

Continue investing to improve **MS schedule and balance class size**.

Early Childhood Education

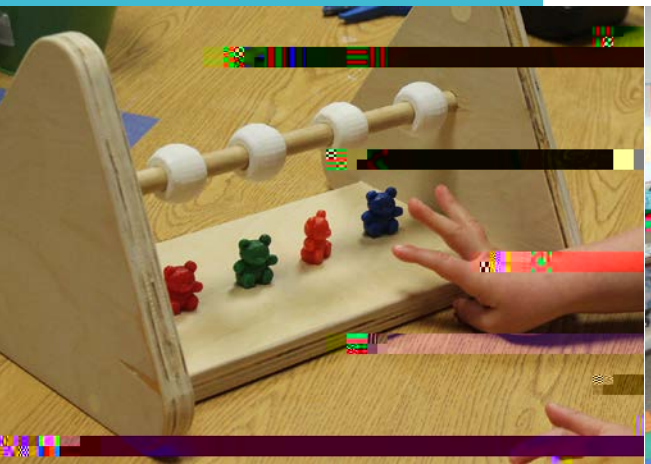
Student, Family and Community Engagement

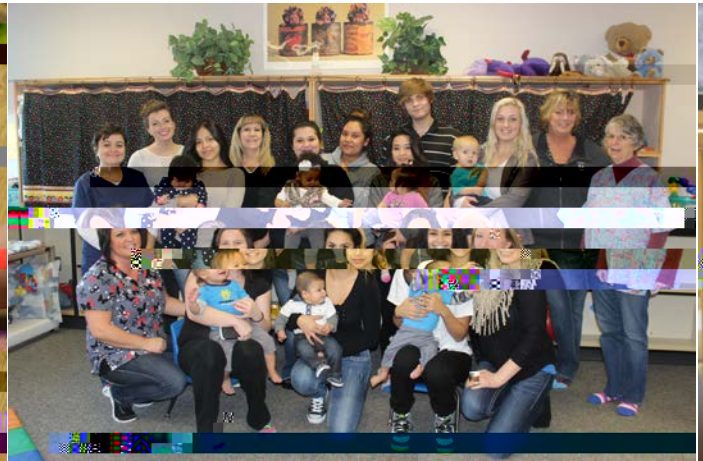
Expand GRADS teen parenting program with opening of Options High School.

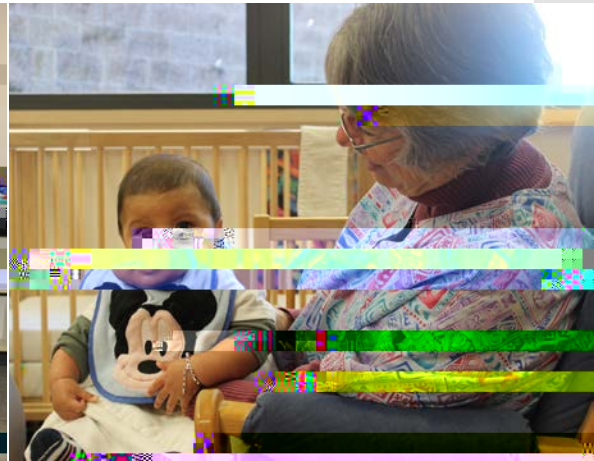
Consider expanding preschool programs to support the development of our PreK-5 elementary schools, using Title I or LAP.

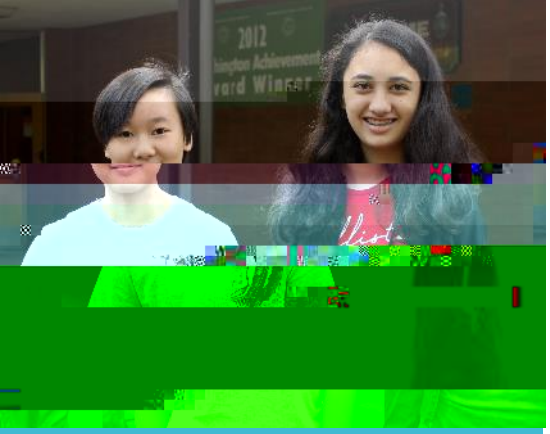
With grant funding support, consider creating a Parent Education Coordinator.

Explore with the Bellingham Public Schools Foundation central coordination for elementary enrichment.









One Schoolhouse Approach

Use bond and general fund for school safety and emergency management, energy efficiency projects and capital projects, including Options HS, Bellingham HS athletic field, Central Kitchen, Sehome HS and transportation garage.

Make minor facility improvements some schools.

Support Buildings and Grounds to take care of our investment in facilities.

Increase support for school nursing services.

Explore reducing costs for identified families to attend high school events for athletics and activities.

Continue to lower/eliminate costs for AP courses.

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