

## 2016-17 Budget Process and Timeline

During the past several years, our families, community and staff have helped develop The Bellingham Promise, the strategic plan of Bellingham Public Schools.

The Promise holds our vision, mission, core beliefs, desired outcomes for students and graduates, and the five key strategies to achieve this work: Great Teaching with Strong Support; A One Schoolhouse Approach; Early Childhood Education; Student, Family and Community Engagement; and Innovation and Flexibility.

Within each of these strategies are work priorities that we call Priorities for Progress. Our Priorities for Progress emerged to enhance our budget development process in recent years with feedback from staff, families and our community about the top priorities to invest resources. The 2016 Priorities for Progress describes in detail much of the work that's underway in Bellingham Public Schools.

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<b>Times/Dates</b>	<b>Communication Method</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Status</b>
December 2015- Summer 2016	Regular budget updates via website, email and		

	priorities through an online survey.	families to help form draft budget.	
February - March 2016	Review above-baseline requests and budget reduction proposals.	The Superintendent and Executive Team review proposals and continue processing with principals and staff to establish priorities and recommendations.	Complete
March -April 2016	Build draft budget priorities and gather input.	Staff uses available	