

# Our Budget Development Process Working Together to Balance Available Resources

in Support of e Bellingham Promise

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#### We, as a community,

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



#### We believe:

- · all children should be loved,
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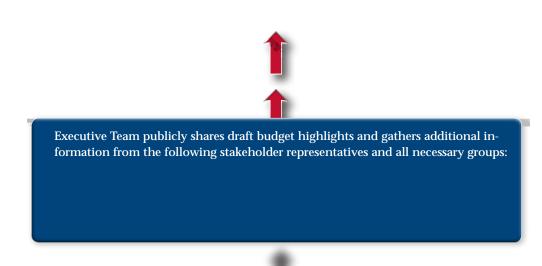
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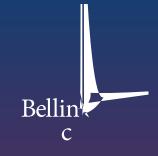
Bellingham Public Schools take steps to assure that national origin persons who lack English language skills can participate in all education programs, services and activities. For information regarding translation services or transitional bilingual education programs, contact the Department of Teaching and

is budget reflects investment of resources aligned with the Bellingham Promise. The resources and spending sustain current programs and services in addition to program enhancements and recommendations coming from our budget process and district committees.





An above-baseline request is a proposal for enhanced funding for next school year (sta ng, instructional materials or facility improvements/operational needs) by a specie c program director or principal beyond what is currently being funded in the current year. A budget reduction proposal is an idea for saving funds 9 (e)-8 (year) (year
Budget Presentations
All Central Services leaders who have responsibility for a program budget will meet with the Superintendent and Executive Team to review their current budget and recommend projected reductions or above-baseline requests for 2018-19 as aligned with the academic achievement ends and priorities.



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