



La Center School District ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17

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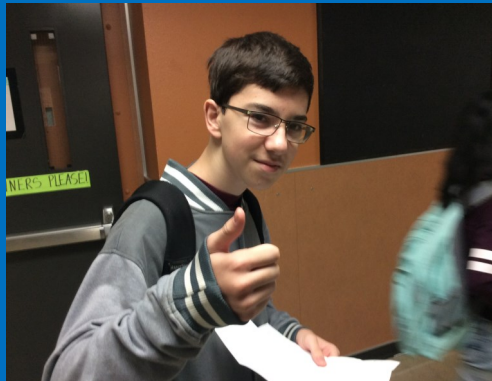


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THE LCSD MISSION

The mission of the La Center School District is to create a supportive environment that empowers students to reach their fullest potential. We fulfill our mission with the partnership of families, the community and employees working together to create lifelong learners who can adapt to a changing, more technologically advanced and diverse society.



La Center School District No. 101 complies with all state and federal rules and regulations and provides equal opportunity in programs and employment and does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin/language, marital status, sex, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, creed, religion, age, veteran or military status, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups. We also comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Section 402 of the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974; the American with Disabilities Act of 1990; the Civil Rights Act of 1964; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act; Older Worker Protection Act; and all other state, federal and local equal opportunity laws. Inquiries regarding compliance procedures, contact Dave Holmes, Superintendent and Civil Rights Coordinator at PO Box 1840, La Center, WA 98629, (360)263-2131 or by email at dave.holmes@lacenterschools.org. Inquiries regarding Title IX compliance procedures, contact Matt Cooke, District Director of Athletics and Extra-Curricular Activities at PO Box 1840, La Center, WA 98629, (360)263-1700 or by email at matt.cooke@lacenterschools.org. Inquiries regarding Section 504/ADA Coordinator contact Peter Rosenkranz, Special Education Director at PO Box 1750, La Center, WA 98629, (360)263-2136 or by email at peter.rosenkranz@lacenterschools.org.

Message from the Superintendent

It is with great pride that I send out this year's annual report. It is our chance to inform the community about all that we're doing, providing a "state of the La Center School District" to parents, families and community members alike.

In this annual report, you will find an assortment of data points that I believe create a vision of our school district's successes and challenges. Even though there are many statistics included here, we are most proud of our on-time graduation rate. At 89.4%, we've achieved the highest graduation rate in recent history and are a full 10 percentage points above the state average. Not only are our students graduating on time with great success, they are also scoring higher on national standardized tests compared to state and national averages. Additionally, our graduates are being accepted at the best colleges, universities and military academies across the country.

I believe it is readily apparent to all of us who have lived here for some time that our little town is undergoing rapid change. As this change has progressed over the last few years, I am quite proud of how we have maintained the sense of community around our schools and have kept our focus on the success of every child.

As we move forward in the face of unprecedented enrollment and community growth, we are preparing to meet this challenge in a way that maintains the small district and community qualities that makes us so attractive to newcomers. After a great deal of community input and discussion, the school board will be presenting a bond measure to the voters on the February ballot to build a new middle school. Based on that same community input, the board has approved the purchase of a piece of property just east of the post office. It is perfectly suited to our needs for a new school while leaving suitable room for future growth. There will be some hard decisions to make over the next couple of years as we find ways to provide classroom space for our increased enrollment. I ask that all stakeholders continue to communicate with me and our school board as we work to maintain our high standards of student success and family support. Please contact me if you have questions or would like to provide your perspective. Together we will continue to maintain and improve our schools and ultimately, our community.



ABOUT LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Enrollment	
Oct. 2017 Actual Count	1755
May 2017	1704
Oct. 2016	1677
Gender	
Male	52%
Female	48%
Race/Ethnicity	
Hispanic/Latino of any race(s)	5.5%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.3%
Asian	0.8%
Black/African American	0.5%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1%
White	90.6%
Two or More Races	2.2%

Source: OSPI Report Card

Class of 2017	
Total Graduates	104
College Bound (4 year)	31
College Bound (2 year)	38
Vocational School	0
Military	3
Work	32
Dropout Rate	1.7% (2/113)

Source: 2016-17 HS Annual Report

Graduation Rate	
Adjusted 4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate (Class of 2016)	89.4%
Adjusted 5-Year Cohort Graduation Rate (Class of 2015)	86.2%

Absence Rate	
Unexcused Absence Rate	0.4%

Source: OSPI Report Card

Special Programs	
Free or Reduced Meals	22.7%
Special Education	13.3%
Transitional Bilingual	2.1%

Source: OSPI Report Card

Teacher Information	
Classroom Teachers	93
Av. Number of Teacher Experience	18.2
Teachers with at least a Master's Degree	76.3%

Source: OSPI Report Card

Facilities Information
<p>LCES: Originally constructed in 1938, expanded in 1968 and updated and modernized in 2003-2004. All work is directed towards meeting the individual needs of our students as whole children. We recognize no two individuals are the same; therefore, we make every effort to accommodate the unique talents of each student.</p>
<p>LCMS: Originally built in 1961 and expanded and modernized in 2003-2004, LCMS serves students 6-8. LCMS shares a 17-acre campus with LCES. Seen as a hub for the community, the facilities are consistently used after school, in the evenings, and on the weekends by various local groups.</p>
<p>LCHS: Originally built in 1993 with an average enrollment of 554 during the 2016-17 school year, La Center High School is in the 'A' school classification, a member of the SWW A League and WIAA District Four.</p>

New La Center Teachers in 2017



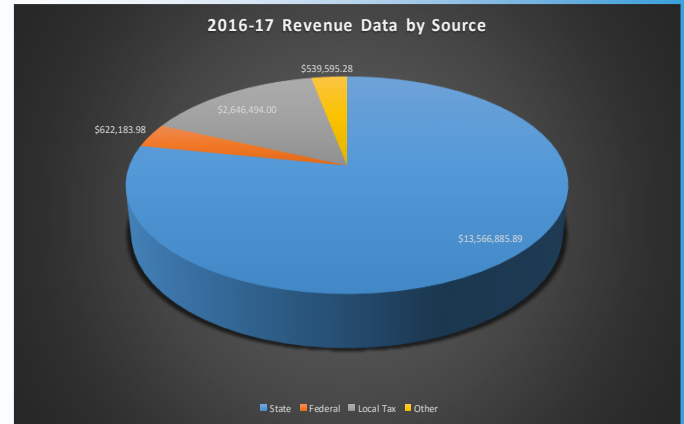
From left to right: Alicia Flanigan, Tammy Karchesky, Jasmine Stohr, Daniel Thiessen, Joe Manning, Seth Holmes, Nicole Dennis

Alder Suttles, Brian Terlesky, (Amy Neiman), Kathy Griffith, James Cameron
(not pictured: Teri Schlenz, Scott Holt)

LCSD Financial Report

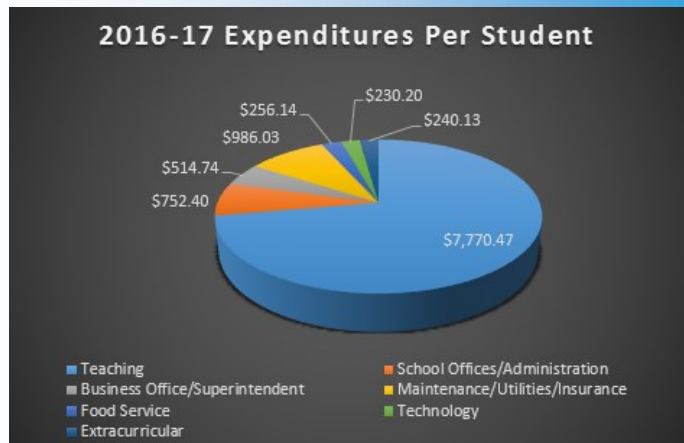
2016-17 Revenue Data

	Revenue Amounts	Percentage of Revenue
Total Revenues	\$17,375,159.15	100%
State	\$13,566,885.89	78%
Federal	\$622,183.98	4%
Local Tax	\$2,646,494.00	15%
Other	\$539,595.28	3%

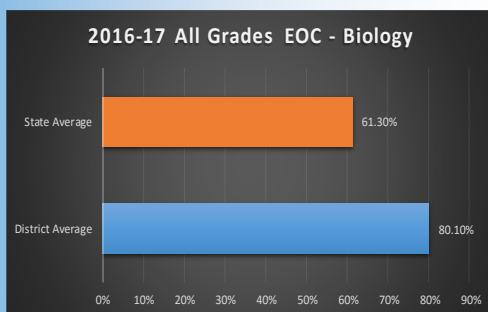
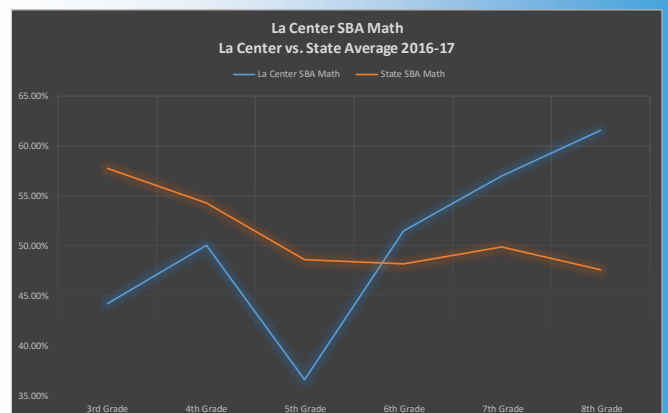
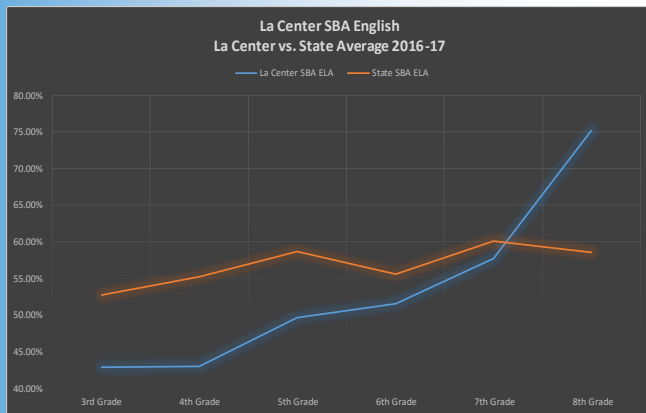
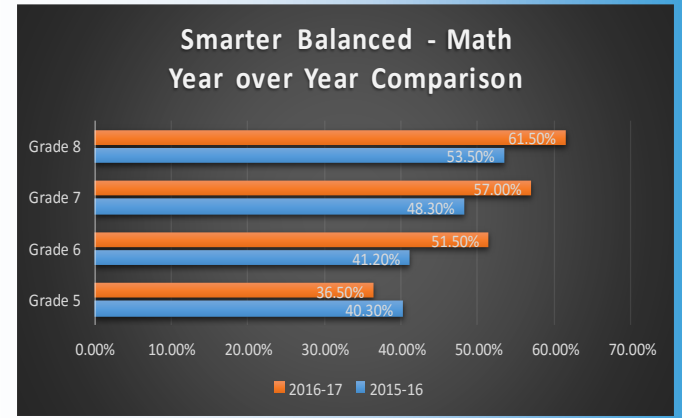
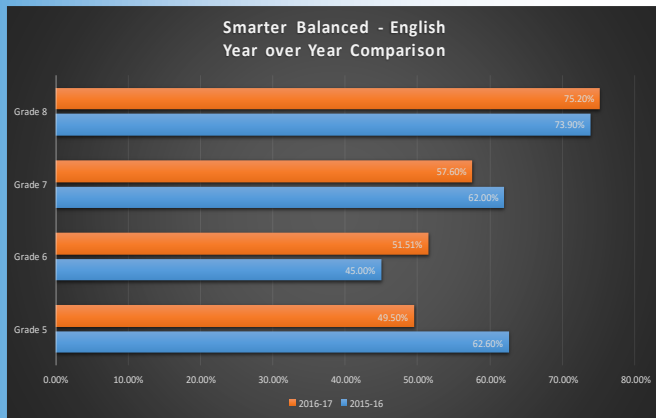
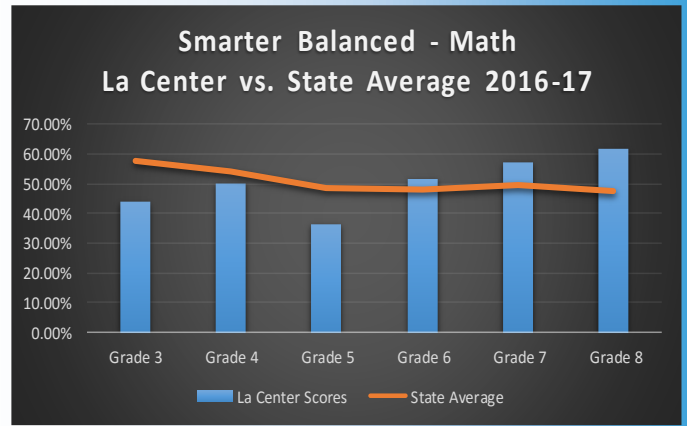
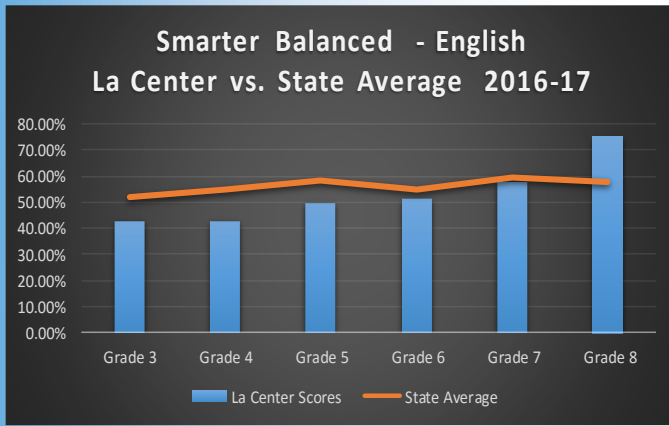


2016-17 Expenditure per Student

	Per Student	Percent
Total Expenditures	\$10,750.11	100%
Teaching	\$7,770.47	74%
School Offices/ Superintendent	\$752.40	7%
Business Office/ Superintendent	\$514.74	4%
Maintenance/Utilities/ Insurance	\$986.03	9%
Food Service	\$256.14	2%
Technology	\$230.20	2%
Extracurricular	\$240.13	2%



OSPI Report Card Assessment Result Stats



Attendance and Grades:

In the first semester of 2016, we had 54 middle school students with one or more F's. Of those 54 students, 52% had twelve or more absences, which is defined as chronic absenteeism. Another 30% are considered borderline chronic absenteeism, for a total of 82% that are considered borderline or chronically absent. If you have ever doubted the connection between attendance and school success, this should be fairly persuasive to think otherwise.

Source: MS Annual Report

More Information

OSPI Report Card

Reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP):

www.k12.wa.us/assessment/NAEP/default.aspx

Assessment Results Source: OSPI Report Card

Some Things to Smile About

2016-17 Bobcat Walk/Run Fundraiser

The grand total raised was over \$11,400. The money from our Bobcat Walk/Run goes to supporting our students with water bottles, prizes, funding field trips, funding our Bobcat stores, funding students projects to improve the playground, field and recess area and more!



2016-17 Doernbecher's Fundraiser

MS students raised \$12,000 for the Doernbecher Children's hospital. La Center MS students have raised \$83,776 since 2006!

HS Field House

Thanks to over 70 volunteers, 2,000 volunteer hours, more than 20 companies donating more than \$150,000 worth of equipment, expertise and materials, over \$53,000 in cash donations and fundraising efforts by LC Boosters, LCEF and even Zumba, the HS Field House is becoming a reality! It is a marvelous testament to what our community can do when we work together!



Food Service Brings the Tasty

During the 2016-17 school year, our food service program served 17,918 breakfasts and 85,195 lunches!

La Center schools' lunches have to meet national nutritional standards. You can be confident that your child is having a balanced meal. La Center schools provide:



- At least one portion of fruit or one portion of vegetables with every meal.
- High-quality meat, poultry or fish regularly.
- Whole grain bread, other cereals and potatoes regularly.
- Low sodium food choices.
- La Center students have an unlimited fruit and vegetable bar.
- Friendly cafeteria staff to help your child make the best school lunch.



You may find that your previously fussy eater is open to trying new foods if they have school meals. Their friends will be having the same or similar foods, enticing them to try something different. Above all, school meals will save time. The only thing you'll have to remember is to pay for your child's meals. La Center schools have an online payment system that makes it easy for you!

Running Start

Running Start is a statewide program where juniors and seniors attend a local community college and receive high school and college credit simultaneously.

Running Start	Students	Classes	College Credits
2016-17 (Fall, Winter, Spring combined)	201	682	2653

LCSD Libraries

During the 2016-17 school year, the K-12 library served 2037 patrons who checked out **34,043** books!



La Center Community Education

La Center Community Education is a department of the La Center School District. La Center Community Education offers low-cost educational & recreational activities for most ages funded by user fees. Thank you for your support over the years, the program is always expanding & improving!

Number of Classes Provided 2016-17:

31 Fall /Winter 2016-17

27 Spring 2017

32 Summer 2017

Total number of classes offered in 2016-17 School Year: 82

Participants

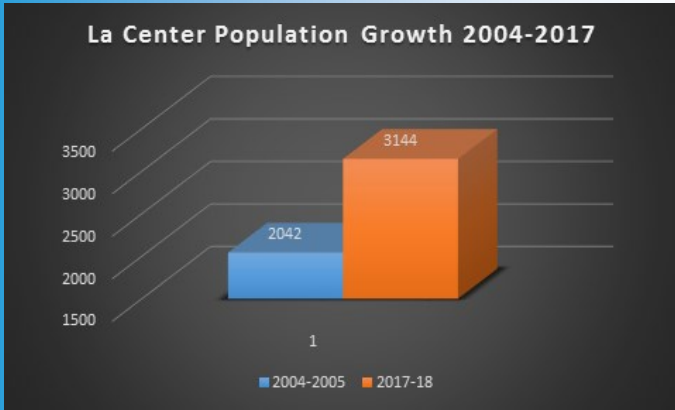
Number of Kids 2016-17: 1,171

Number of Adults: 123

Topics Include: art, performing arts, computers, culinary, early learning, education, safety, training, and sports

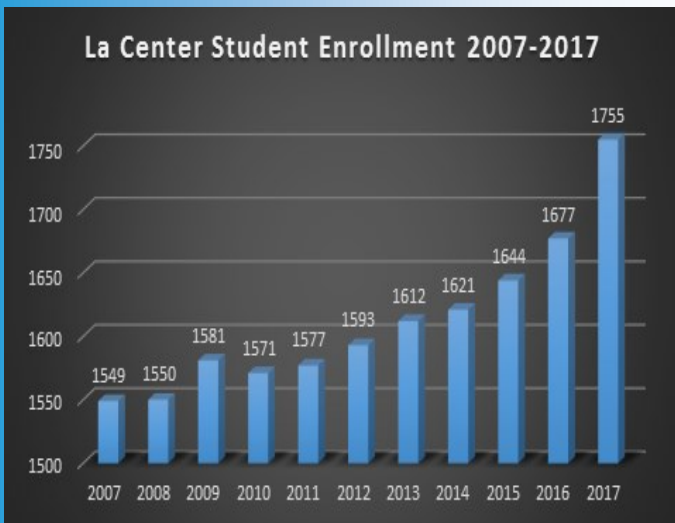


2017-18 La Center School District Growth Statistics



More than 900 housing units are in some stage of land use/building permitting or have nearly completed construction. With a student generation rate of 0.8/housing unit this growth would create nearly 720 new students.

Source: ESD 112 Construction Services Enrollment Estimates



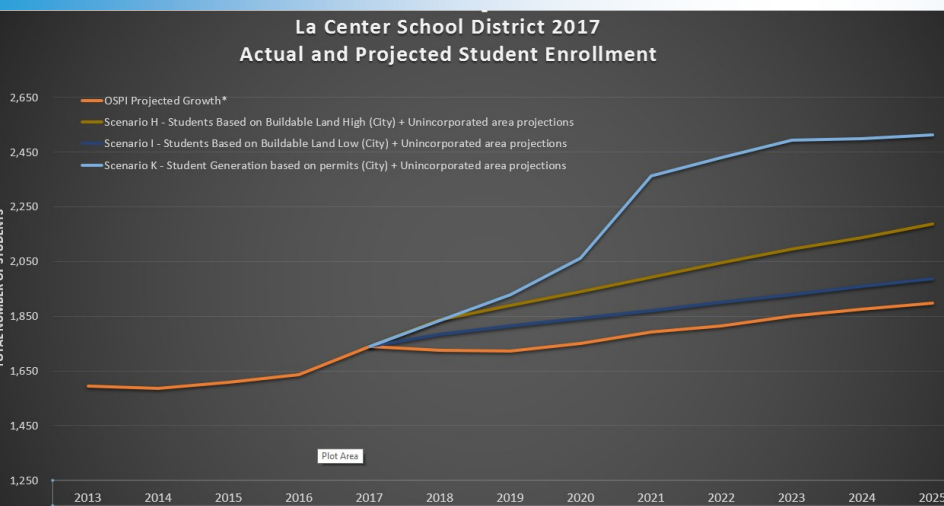
Source OSPI Report Card

The low-growth estimate scenario estimates 439 new students by 2035 based on the county's population projections.

The high-growth scenario estimates 870 new students by 2035 based on current or known upcoming residential projects.

Source: ESD 112 Construction Services Enrollment Estimates

We currently house approximately 340 students (29% of K-8) in 11 portables housing 22 classrooms (9 on K-8 campus and 2 on HS campus).



La Center Bond History

September 2002 – PASSED

Details:

Prop A - 12.8 million school modernization and expansion

Prop A – PASS—60.67 to 39.33

Prop B - 3.2 million safety and athletic improvements

Prop B – FAIL—55.81 to 44.19

May 2002 – FAILED

Details:

Prop A - 12.8 million school modernization and expansion

Prop A –FAIL—54.9 to 45.1

Prop B - 3.2 million safety and athletic improvements

Prop B –FAIL—51.1 to 48.86

May 2008 – FAILED

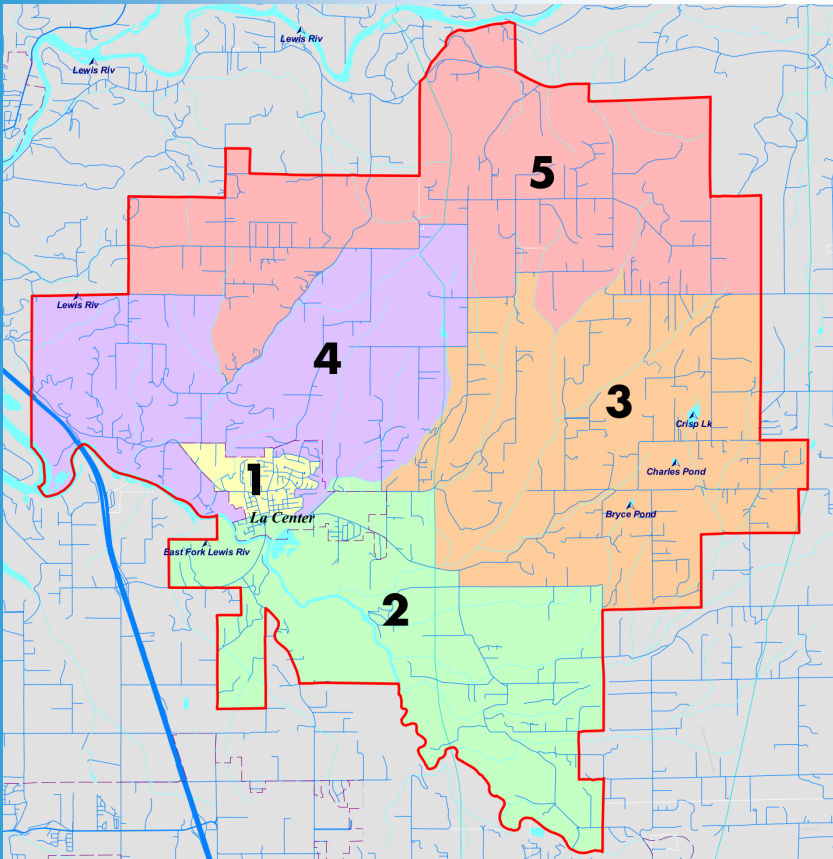
32 million dollar bond to construct 2nd ES and athletic facilities FAIL—42.79 to 57.21

Please Remember to Vote on February 13, 2018!

La Center School Board



Cris Yaw	Todd Jones	Win Muffett	Wendy Chord	Eric Lindberg
Joined the School Board in 2007	Joined the School Board in 2010	Joined the School Board in 2017	Joined the School Board in 2008	Joined the School Board in 2015
Represents Area #1 (Yellow)	Represents Area #2 (Green)	Represents Area #3 (Orange)	Represents Area #4 (Purple)	Represents Area #5 (Red)
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Upcoming Board Meetings

12/19/17 Board Mtg	HS Library	7:00 PM
01/09/18 Board Workshop	K-8 Library	7:00 PM
01/23/18 Board Mtg	HS Library	7:00 PM

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Citizens' comments are welcome at La Center School Board Workshops held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the La Center K-8 Library.

Visit us at www.lacenterschools.org or follow us on Facebook for the latest District news.

We reach out to parents for their perspectives and expertise on many different topics throughout the year. This year, we have surveyed parents around general school system improvement in the form of, "If you were able to change one thing about the district it would be..." We have also surveyed parents concerning running a bond for a new school. Lastly, we have surveyed parents on their general understanding of the learning model.

Come work with Us!



The La Center School District is a great place to work and boasts small class sizes, highly qualified staff, and a low employee turnover rate. Parents and community members support the mission of La Center School District through their involvement in our school programs and active volunteerism. For more information about why La Center is a great place to live and work, visit the district's employment page:

www.lacenterschools.org/human-resources-portal/
To see openings and to apply online.