

## SHS, Church Creek campuses hold open house



The Dec. 11 open house at Stanwood High School and the Church Creek Campus, home to Lincoln Hill High School, Lincoln Academy and Saratoga School, was attended by hundreds of community members eager to see and tour these new buildings created with the approval by voters of the 2017 bond issue. Opening ceremonies were held at each building. The ceremonies may be viewed on the Stanwood-Camano School District YouTube channel.

## Help SCSD create a new 5-year strategic plan

**D**uring the 2021-2022 school year, Stanwood-Camano School District is engaging in a comprehensive Strategic Planning process. The Strategic Plan acts as a roadmap for our school system. Its primary aim is to align all interested parties on a shared vision, common goals, and unified direction for our district's educational efforts.

Community-wide involvement is vital to the Strategic Planning process. We are designing the process in ways that will embrace the diverse voices of our Stanwood-Camano community.

Community members are serving as members of the five planning teams. The core planning group

### Virtual community forums online for the Stanwood-Camano SD Strategic Plan

- Tuesday, February 8:  
7 to 8 p.m. (focus on elementary)
- Thursday, February 10  
7 to 8 p.m. (focus on secondary)

Links to these virtual forums are available on our website at [stanwood.wednet.edu](http://stanwood.wednet.edu).

of over 50 members worked for two full days in December to help give direction and guidance for the content and priorities for our Strategic Plan.



## THE STANWOOD-CAMANO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Stanwood-Camano School District Board of Directors consists of five citizens who reside within the School District. Board members are elected by voters to serve four-year terms. The board is the policy-making body for the district, while the superintendent is responsible for implementing those policies and plans. Learn more at: [stanwood.wednet.edu/school\\_board](http://stanwood.wednet.edu/school_board)

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



**Dear Stanwood-Camano Community,**

Welcome to the first issue of *Currents*! This newsletter is being mailed to households in our district as we expand the reach of our communications. If you haven't already, please join us on social media: Facebook and Instagram @stanwoodcamanosd and on Twitter @scsd\_401. You can also follow me on Twitter @rumbaughsup.

We were so excited to finally be able to open the new Stanwood High School and the Church Creek campus for a celebration and open house to express our gratitude to the community for its support of the 2017 bond issue to construct these buildings. On February 8, we are asking voters to consider the proposed replacement capital projects and technology levy. Please remember to vote.

Even as the pandemic begins its third year and continues to challenge us every day, we are looking to the future. The district strategic planning process is well underway. We have received survey feedback from over 2,000 students in grades 3-12 and have conducted focus groups at our elementary, middle and high schools. Parents and guardians have also completed surveys about their priorities for our schools. Our Core Planning Team, composed of families, staff and community members worked for two full days to help give direction and guidance for the content and priorities for our Strategic Plan.

We invite you to join in the strategic planning process by attending one or both of the virtual community forums at 7 p.m. on February 8 and 10. Links to these events are on our website at [stanwood.wednet.edu](http://stanwood.wednet.edu).

**Respectfully,**

**Deborah Rumbaugh, Ed.D.**  
**Superintendent**

### Directors Murry and Schreiber re-elected to School Board

Stanwood-Camano School Board Directors Charlotte Murry (top photo) and Al Schreiber (bottom photo) were administered the oath of office by Superintendent Deborah Rumbaugh for new four-year terms during the Dec. 7 regular Board meeting. Natalie Hagglund will be continuing as Board president and Miranda Evans as Board vice president.



# REPLACEMENT LEVY 2022

## Replacement Cap/Tech levy on February 8 ballot

**T**he District is proposing a four-year replacement Capital Projects and Technology Levy on the February 8, 2022 ballot to replace an expiring levy. The proposed local school tax is expected to decrease from current levels. Levies require a simple majority for approval.

The Capital Projects and Technology (Cap/Tech) levy covers two areas:

- Facility improvements and updates that are beyond a general repair or regular maintenance but fall short of bond-level funding needs.
- Instructional technology and related staffing, professional development and technology infrastructure.

### What will the proposed levy fund?

**Approximately 50 percent of the funds is expected to be used for long-term facility needs, such as:**

- New roof at Cedarhome Elementary;
- Replacement fire sprinkler lines at Utsalady and Elger Bay Elementary Schools;
- Portable maintenance at Port Susan, including new roofs, paint and siding repair;
- Upgraded public address systems at Stanwood Middle and Stanwood Elementary Schools;
- Various projects to improve student safety, such as fencing and sidewalks.

**Approximately 50 percent of the funds is expected to upgrade technology used for student learning at all schools. Projects include:**

- Replacing aging classroom computers, chromebooks and software licenses;



**Stanwood High School students use technology purchased with levy funds to learn coding in this career and technical education class.**



**Capital projects such as the playground improvements at Cedarhome Elementary are funded by the levy.**

- Maintaining infrastructure that supports technology for student learning, for example, servers, wifi and network;
- Provide for staffing to maintain and operate district technology.

### What has SCSD accomplished with local funds?

- Increased the number of computer labs, mobile labs and student-accessible technology at each school;
- Increased the curricular tools and online educational resources;
- Provided professional development and technical support to staff that impacts teaching and learning;
- Replaced fire alarm systems at Cedarhome, Twin City and Stanwood Elementary;
- Playground safety improvements at Cedarhome, Elger Bay and Utsalady Elementary;
- Renovation and roof replacement for the SHS Transition Program facility;
- Seismic upgrades for Stanwood Middle School.



### Please remember to vote by February 8

Snohomish and Island Counties conduct all elections through mail-in ballots. The ballots for the February 8, 2022 election must be postmarked (mailing is free) or placed in a ballot drop site by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2022. Ballot drop boxes are located near the Stanwood Library, 9701 271st St. NW and on Camano Island at 121 N. East Camano Drive.

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### POINTS OF PRIDE



**S**tanwood HS FFA (above) won the State Tractor Driving Contest this fall. Cole Tveter, Hayden Main and Ethan Jakel were the first-place team, and Ethan Jakel was the first place individual.

**U**tsalady Elementary students (right) held a drive-through event to honor area veterans prior to Veterans Day in November. Each class held signs and cheered veterans as they drove through the school parking lot. Each veteran received a gift from the school in honor of their service.



**S**tanwood Elementary students (left) donated 1,120 pounds of food to the Stanwood-Camano Food Bank, and the joy they felt in helping out is hard to disguise under their masks. Other SCSD schools held similar drives this fall to benefit the food bank during the holiday season.

**J**im Piccolo, retired Stanwood High School athletic director, was inducted into the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Hall of Fame. During Piccolo's tenure at Stanwood High from 1984 to 2006, he helped develop the 4A Booster Club, the Athletic/Academic Awards night, an athletic training program and the Stanwood Athletic Hall of Fame. Piccolo becomes only the second person from Washington to be chosen for the honor. Piccolo is pictured here with current athletic director Tom Wilfong at the awards event in Denver.



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The Stanwood-Camano School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

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