

This budget is based on The Bellingham Promise and our Priorities for and input from staff, families and our community. It includes program enhancements and recommendations coming from our committees, which include broad representation of teachers, staff, students, families and community members.

**Please keep in mind this is not a comprehensive list, rather it's a summary of proposed new spending for 2018-19.**



## ONE SCHOOLHOUSE APPROACH

- Continue improvements to our elementary school program by ensuring each school has a full-time **counselor** and **librarian** as well as increased opportunities for **world language**.
- Provide **driver's education courses** for high school students.
- Invest in high school **activities, athletics** and **visual performing arts** by providing needed equipment and resources.

**APPROX. TOTAL FROM GENERAL FUND:  
\$586,000**

- Continue with **capital projects** including Sehome High School, Central Kitchen, District new facilities projects approved by 2018 bond.

### Safety and Security

The 2018 bond provides funds for safety and security infrastructure upgrades to our school facilities. Funds from the general budget will provide **standardized emergency supplies** to classrooms.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

- Continue to **lower class sizes** for grades K-3 to meet state compliance ratio by investing in more teachers.
- Add portables as needed to **ensure space for smaller class sizes** and increased enrollment.

**APPROX. TOTAL FROM GENERAL FUND:  
\$900,000**

## STUDENT, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

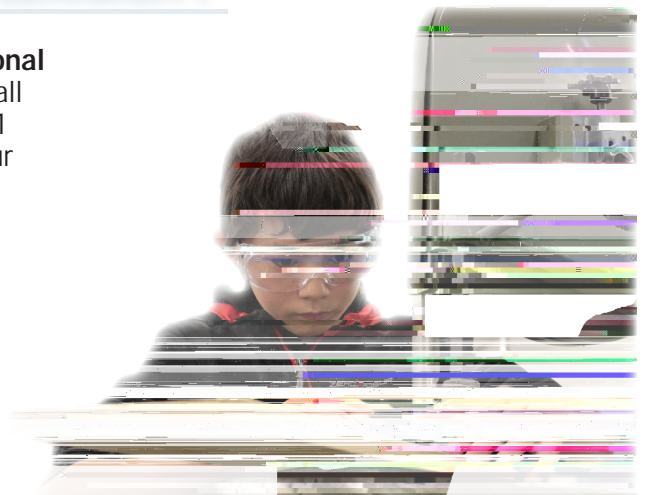
- With support from the Bellingham Public Schools Foundation and community partners, create a **Parent Education Coordinator**.
- Increase Options High School **secretary support** and add a **dedicated registrar** to support the growing school and student needs.

**APPROX. TOTAL FROM GENERAL FUND:  
\$50,000**

## INNOVATION AND FLEXIBILITY

- Continue to add **Educational Technology Coaches** at all schools as part of our 1:1 Initiative supported by our Technology Levy.
- **professional development** for the **food services transition** as we move to a new central kitchen.
- Increase support for **Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses** at our middle and high schools.
- Provide support for Business Services as we **reduce** to support **Project Free Education** and ensure continued outstanding to the district.

**APPROX. TOTAL FROM GENERAL FUND:  
\$180,000**



**APPROXIMATE OVERALL GENERAL FUND TOTAL: \$7,600,000**