

## NORTH BELLINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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# ANNUAL SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT

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### *A message from our school...*

North Bellingham Elementary School is pleased to provide our school community with this school performance report. Please read and reflect on this report and provide feedback to the school. Our goal is to improve student learning by continuously assessing and improving the quality of education at North Bellingham. When we ask, *How's our school doing?*, we are encouraging you to communicate to us your ideas for school improvement.

This report cannot begin to cover all of the positive educational activities that are taking place at our school. Many of North Bellingham's successes are made possible by the whole community's efforts. Once again, we thank our school community for its commitment to quality education for our students, preschool through grade six, and we look forward to increasing meaningful parent and community involvement in the educational process.

## MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

North Bellingham Elementary School's mission is to provide an educational environment that prepares students for lifelong learning and fosters responsibility for positive interactions, respect for self and others, and self-discipline. Our school programs are continuously assessed and improved through the cooperative efforts of our students, staff and community.

Our vision is that all North Bellingham students will acquire the skills, behaviors and attitudes of analytical and creative thinkers, effective problem-solvers, independent learners, and active contributors to their community. We expect to realize our vision by involving students, staff, parents and community resources in the educational process, and by providing a variety of programs that meet the needs and capabilities of all students.

## STAFFING & ENROLLMENT

The teaching staff at North Bellingham Elementary School consists of one principal, 16.5 classroom teachers, 2.5 reading specialists, 1.5 special education teachers, one librarian, a half-time P.E. specialist, a half-time counselor, four part-time music specialists, and an on call, part-time speech/language pathologist, psychologist, nurse, and an occupational therapist.

Our support staff consists of one secretary, one assistant secretary, 14 full-time or part-time para-educators (library, classroom, and playground), two custodians, two food service workers, and six bus drivers.

There are the equivalent of 25.273 full-time certificated positions and the equivalent of 7.092 full-time classified instructional support positions.

### STUDENT ETHNICITY

Black	1.0%
American Indian	1.0%
Asian	3.0%
White	85.7%
Hispanic	9.3%

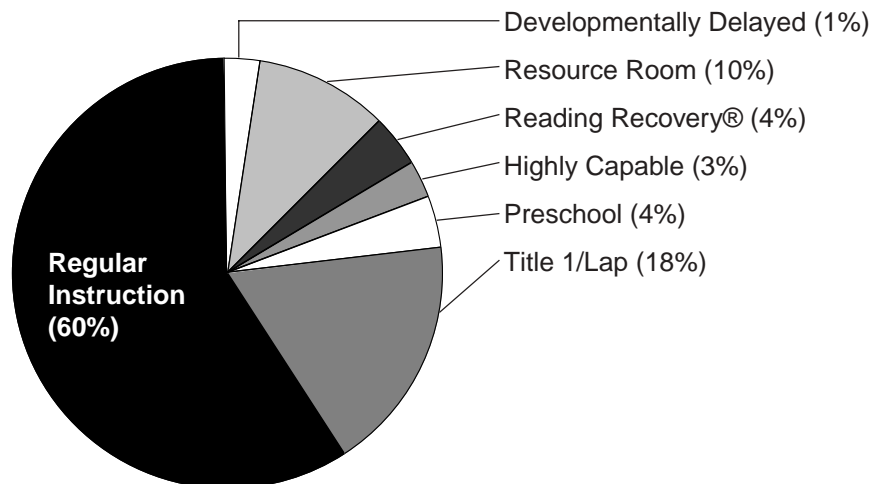
### ENROLLMENT

Students Enrolled 2002-03	406
Average School Attendance	95%
Average Class Size	24.6

\*without music and excluding special programs

## PARTICIPATION IN SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Students at North Bellingham School participate in a variety of programs in addition to the regular classroom instruction. These programs address some of the unique needs which some students have. Special programs receive state and federal funding.



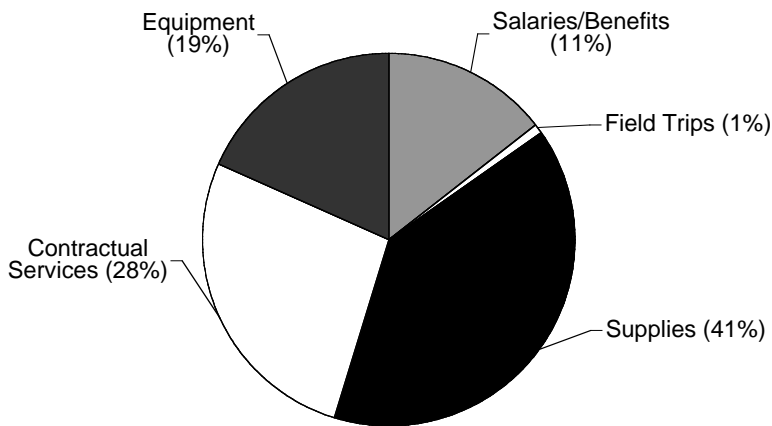
# BUDGET

## Districtwide

In 2001-02, Ferndale School District expenses for Basic Education activities were \$5,318.07 per student. The expenses for all activities including Transportation, Special Education, Gifted Education, etc., were \$7,047.66 per student.

## Building

In 2001-02, North Bellingham Elementary School's building budget expenditures totaled \$53,313.79. We spent our money in the following ways:



Note: 2001-02 is most current year budget information is available

# SCHOOL FACILITY

North Bellingham Elementary is located at 5275 Northwest Road, Bellingham. The original 13,545 square foot building was constructed in 1938. Additionally, 5,022 square feet were added in 1960, 3,917 square feet in 1965, 20,689 square feet in 1980, 1,308 square feet in 1995, and 4,225 square feet in 1999, for a total of 48,706 square feet. During the past year, we made the following improvements to our school:

- Installed new school sign
- Repaired electrical transformer

## ACHIEVEMENT DATA

Each year North Bellingham School participates in state-mandated achievement testing at the third, fourth and sixth grade levels. Results from the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) for the third and sixth grades and the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) for fourth graders are made available individually to each parent. The ITBS and WASL are two distinctly different measures of student progress.

ITBS*			
		Reading	Math
2002	Grade 3	66	83
2003	Grade 3	57	73
2002	Grade 6	58	60
2003	Grade 6	57	64

\*Percentiles based on national norms with the national norm being 50

WASL*				
	Math	Reading	Writing	Listening
2000	42.9	78.1	46.9	78.1
2001	50.8	72.3	68.3	86.4
2002	54.8	67.2	62.9	67.7
2003	71.2	83.6	65.8	83.6

\*Percentage of students who meet the Washington Essential Learnings' Standards

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

North Bellingham is proud of the many accomplishments of its students and staff. Areas of achievement include:

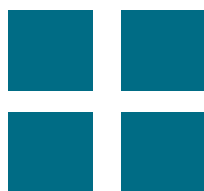
**State Accountability:** For the 2002-03 school year, North Bellingham Elementary achieved its state accountability goal in mathematics. In addition, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction reported that when compared with 12 other Washington elementary schools with similar socio-economic profiles, North Bellingham ranked first in WASL reading and second in WASL math; when compared with 15 other elementary schools with similar ethnic demographics, we ranked third in reading and fifth in math. North Bellingham is pleased to announce that our students are demonstrating continuous improvement on both the Washington Assessment of Student Learning and the Iowa Test of Basic Skills.

**Educational Programs:** Developmental Preschool Program • Three full-day and Four full-day Kindergarten Options • Primary Multiage Classroom, Grades 1, 2, 3 • Reading Recovery® Program • Intervention Programs in both reading and math • Cross-age and Peer Tutoring • Schoolwide Enrichment Plan • Environmental Education Site Enhancement Project • Integrating Technology into the Classroom • Conflict Managers' Program • Adventure Club

**Enrichment Opportunities:** Young Authors' Conference • Book Fairs • Hands-on Science Workshops • Math Olympiad • Student Science Fair • Enrichment Clubs to Support the School's Enrichment Plan • Battle of the Books Contest • Artists in Residence Program • Whatcom Symphony Outreach Program • Mt. Baker Theatre Performances Creative Movement & Dance Residency • Student Council

**Staff Professional Development:** Best Practices in Teaching Math • Developing Early Literacy Skills • Best Practices for Teaching English Language Learners • Best Practices in Teaching Reading • Step Up to Writing Training • Staff Focus on Integrating Writing in Math • Positive Interventions for Angry and Difficult Children • Understanding by Design Training • Integrating Technology into the Classroom

**North Bellingham's 2002-2003 Learning Improvement Days** were used to analyze data from Measures of Academic Progress, Washington Assessment of Student Learning and Iowa Test of Basic Skills to determine trends in academic progress for our students. The staff also identified intervention needs for students and worked in both grade levels teams and cross-grade level teams to map curriculum areas.



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS TO PARTICIPATE

A special invitation to our parents and community members to participate:

**PTO Opportunities:** Playground Improvement Project • Classroom & School Volunteers • Student Tutors • Friends of Technology • Family Activities • School and Home Partnerships • Fund Raising Events

**School Committees:** Math improvement plan committee • Reading Improvement plan committee • Learning Improvement Team • Discipline Committee • Instructional Materials Committee • Curriculum & Staff Development Council • Building Based Enrichment Planning • Environmental Education Site Enhancement Project • Family Literacy Project

*Working Together, We Make a Difference!*

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Ferndale School District students and staff are strongly supported by the Ferndale Community. Community members and businesses provide volunteer time and monetary contributions to support a variety of Ferndale’s educational programs. This last year, schools received a total of over 168,000 hours of volunteer time. Three community businesses were honored with the Business of the Year Award for 2002-03: Key Bank, Delancey’s Garden Center and Kent’s Garden and Nursery.

In addition, our community consistently approves levy and bond issues which provide the district with needed financial resources to support the many programs offered to students, as well as to give students well-maintained facilities in which to learn.

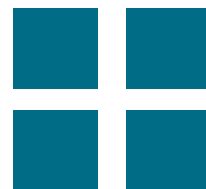
A special *thank you* to our community members for your support!

## FERNDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

Ferndale School District, in partnership with families and the larger community, will educate each student to develop the knowledge, skills and character necessary to lead a self-reliant, socially responsible life.

## NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND GOALS

The state report card which reflects the No Child Left Behind Accountability goals and North Bellingham School’s progress toward meeting these goals can be viewed at [www.k12.wa.us](http://www.k12.wa.us) under the state report card icon. Hard copies of this report are available upon request.





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