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### **MSD Community Engagement Process Concludes**

Last fall the Marysville School District began the process of Dream Big 2.0 as a follow up to the work the District started three years ago. The District sought to check in with the community, students and staff about their Strategic Directions and seek feedback on whether to transition from school choice or move to neighborhood boundaries for high schools.

This undertaking was extensive and would not have been possible without the participation of the community and families, students and staff.

The process included:

- Poll – November 2017
- Natural Meetings – January/February 2018
- Staff & Community Surveys – February/March 2018
- Dream Big 2.0 Events – April/May 2018

The District learned a number of things: They must do a better job of communicating what they are doing and why, as well as share successes and how they were achieved. The community would also like clear, focused Strategic Directions with measurable outcomes. There are plans to refine the Strategic Directions and goals and report out to the community on the progress of meeting those goals. The District also learned that safety and security is a top concern and is committed to ensuring the safety of all students and staff.

While there was mixed feedback about the future of Marysville high schools, the community was clear that it must make a decision, follow through on that decision, and communicate it clearly.

“We want our families, students, staff and community to know that we have heard their suggestions and concerns,” said Acting Superintendent Jason Thompson. “We are still reviewing the data from our engagement efforts and I plan to make a recommendation to the Board of Directors before the end of the school year” he added.

The research and engagement findings can be found here: [www.bit.ly/MSDDreamBig](http://www.bit.ly/MSDDreamBig). The resources include findings from the online surveys, community meetings and a comprehensive report of all the work completed by the consultants. A comprehensive report of the findings will be released in the coming weeks.

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#### **ABOUT THE MARYSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Marysville School District seeks to engage our community, inspire our students, and prepare our graduates. It is our belief that every child in our community deserves the very best educational experience

possible, and every child has the potential to achieve success in life if given the right tools to do so. Learn more at [www.msd25.org](http://www.msd25.org).

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