

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Bellevue School District update

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**INFORMATION
ONLY**

Bellevue School District (BSD) Superintendent Dr. Kelly Aramaki will present information about recent and upcoming developments at Bellevue schools.

Tonight's presentation is an opportunity to learn about the school district, which is relevant for the councilmembers and their constituents.

Councilmembers will have a chance to ask questions.

RECOMMENDATION

N/A

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS

The BSD serves most of the city of Bellevue and the smaller surrounding communities of Clyde Hill, Medina, Hunts Point, Yarrow Point and Beaux Arts. The BSD also serves portions of Issaquah, Kirkland, Newcastle, Redmond, and unincorporated King County. In total there are 30 schools, including 16 elementary schools, 1 Spanish Immersion elementary school, 1 Mandarin dual language elementary school, 5 comprehensive middle schools, 4 comprehensive high schools and 3 choice schools.

The BSD is led by the Superintendent, and five community members make up the BSD's Board of Directors, one from each of the five geographical districts. The board members are elected to their posts by registered voters for terms of four years. The BSD has 2,700 employees, including almost 1,500 teachers. More than 400 Bellevue teachers are National Board-certified, and more than 79% of its teachers hold a master's degree.

Superintendent Aramaki will give an update on enrollment trends and projections, new and enhanced programs including language learning, career and technical education programs, mental health support, and safety improvements. He may also present updates on sustainability efforts, accessibility and inclusion, and funding challenges.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**Policy Impact**

N/A

Fiscal Impact

The BSD is funded in part by two local property tax levies: the Educational Programs and Operations Levy and the Technology and Capital Projects Levy. Both levies, which replaced expiring levies, were passed by Bellevue voters in February 2022 and are collected for four years, set to expire at the end of 2026.

OPTIONS

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

N/A

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N/A