

Building Systems to Serve our Students

The mission of the North Mason School District, together with our community, is to educate, empower, inspire and prepare all students to graduate confident in their abilities to meet life's challenges and opportunities. We are consistently working to build systems to better serve our students from early childhood through high school while prudently managing the dollars our community has generously continued to provide.

This past school year the school board has reviewed and revised the governance policies we have adopted that define the goals of the district. Ends Policy E-2, Student Success, was part of that process. The policy defines the board's expectation that all students will acquire the knowledge and skills essential for success in post-secondary education, the world of work and citizenship. The standards by which academic progress is to be measured are High Academic Achievement, Personal Skills Development and Social Skills Development. The school board, along with the district superintendent and administration, revised this policy to better define those three areas to meet the expectation of our mission.

With our focus on student success, the board is also considering how we can best serve our students and community as the student population continues to grow. Last school year our enrollment increased by 76 new students district-wide. We are discussing the fact that the location of Belfair Elementary has become a contributing factor to the traffic congestion North Mason is experiencing daily. Beyond the painful traffic situation, the building is extremely difficult to "button up" for safety with all the outside classroom entrances and it's accessibility from the highway. This will be a continuing discussion this coming school year as we look for solutions.

We strive to meet the needs of all students in an ever-changing society and ask that our community continue to support us in this effort. Your school board will advocate for fair and equitable funding from the state, while managing your tax dollars prudently. We thank you!