



## EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

Garn Christensen, Superintendent

The mission of the Eastmont School District is to maximize the potential of all students by:

- Ensuring students develop and demonstrate academic excellence.
- Developing partnerships with students, parents, staff and community.
- Providing a safe and secure learning environment for students and staff.

### Future Budgeting

Recently, there has been tremendous frustration among superintendents. Right now there are proposals to increase credit requirements and add additional areas of instruction to our curriculum, yet we are being told to expect the next few years to be the worst school budget years in several decades.

The one source of Eastmont revenue that is fixed is the Maintenance and Operation (M & O) Levy. This funding will continue if approved for renewal on March 10, 2008.

An additional revenue source that is part of our M & O Levy, but is not always understood is the state *Local Effort Assistance (LEA)* equalization funds. These equalization funds are only paid to a District if it passes a local M & O levy and if it has high tax rates as a result of lower than average total property values. To determine this, the State looks at the amount residents pay per \$1,000 of property value to collect a specific amount of local tax revenue. If a District's residents are paying more than the average rate, the district receives the equalization funds. If the district pays less than the average rate, a portion of what that district's residents pay in State property taxes is used to subsidize the less wealthy districts. (Example: Mercer Island total property values vs. East Wenatchee property values.)

Eastmont estimates it will receive \$2,616,000 in LEA funds for the 2009-10

fiscal year if our residents vote yes to renew our proposed levy.

These LEA funds, plus the \$6,414,555 proposed levy amount, will represent about 15% of our total revenue and pay for at least 1 out of every 8 employees (90 total). If there are significant reductions to our State revenue, the local levy may represent an even greater portion of our total employee funding and overall revenue.



### Enrollment

Our enrollment for December decreased about 4 students from the month of November.

FTE's	Sept.	May 08	Budget	Sept.	Oct. 08	Nov.	Dec.
Cascade	427	434	406	436	439	439	439
Grant	404	413	398	391	388	386	389
Kenroy	337	346	322	330	334	336	339
Lee	422	432	419	417	412	416	418
Rk Island	180	182	174	186	184	184	182
Sterling	693	701	671	671	673	667	668
Clovis	551	550	553	568	564	568	574
JHS	881	870	910	941	945	948	941
HS	1226	1136	1209	1180	1179	1169	1163
<b>K-12</b>	<b>5120</b>	<b>5064</b>	<b>5062</b>	<b>5119</b>	<b>5117</b>	<b>5110</b>	<b>5112</b>
Skill Ctr	164	167	175	183	187	193	191
<b>Total</b>	<b>5283</b>	<b>5231</b>	<b>5237</b>	<b>5302</b>	<b>5304</b>	<b>5304</b>	<b>5303</b>
Dif.				65	67	67	66

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## **STUDENT LEARNING:**

By the end of this school year, school districts (including Eastmont) shall have in place at the elementary, intermediate, junior high, and high school strategies to assure that students have an opportunity to learn the essential academic learning requirements in the areas of social studies, the arts, and health and fitness.

The area of Civics is specifically listed for verification. OSPI is strongly recommending that districts use the state-developed CBAs (Classroom Based Assessments) and CBPAs (Classroom Based Performance Assessments) to meet the requirements of RCW 28A.230.095 and expect that all students have the opportunity to complete such assessments in all three areas.

This year, we are required to report the number of students taking the CBAs and at what grade level. While the CBAs are not high-stakes like the WASL, they are the manner in which social studies, the arts, and health and fitness are being assessed. While only participation numbers are being asked for at this time, in the future we may also have to supply examples of student work and scores. With the transition in leadership at OSPI, much is still up in the air.

### **Reminder:**

**Calendar year-to-date earnings can be viewed by logging into *Employee Access*.**

## **Board of Director Activities:**

- Held Work Session and reviewed the superintendent evaluation process.
- Received annual reports from EHS CTE Program (Career & Technical Education) and NC Technical Skills Center.
- Held Public Hearing—Redistribution of five director areas into three directors areas with two at-large school director districts.
- Approved the following Board policies:
  - Policy 3440—Removal of Student during School Hours
  - Policy 4130—Title I Parental Involvement.
- Held Special Board Meeting
  - Approved Resolution 2008-19— Redistribution of five Director areas into three directors areas with two at-large School director districts
  - Tabled Resolution 2008-20—Bond Proposal
  - Approved Resolution 2008-21 & 2008-22— Facilities Study and Survey

## **SAFETY**

This month, I was required to report to the Board on our practices to reduce sexual/gender related harassment. Over the last 18 months we conducted seven employee sexual misconduct investigations. Five of the seven resulted in disciplinary action for misconduct. At the student level, there were a total of 22 disciplinary actions. My goal is for Eastmont to be a workplace and school environment where students and staff always feel safe from offensive and unwanted sexual/gender related comments or actions. Please refer concerns in this area to your direct supervisor, HR Executive Director Vicki Trainor or me.

*Copies of complete minutes and all District policies are available at [www.eastmont206.org](http://www.eastmont206.org)*

