

Dear Community Members,

February 2, 2017

The South Whidbey School District Board of Directors voted to move all students in the district to schools located on Maxwellton Road. The students in grades K-6 will be housed within the Elementary/Primary School Complex. Students in grades 7-12 will be housed in South Whidbey High School.

There are many benefits to this change:

- 5th and 6th Grades will be a middle level program creating a smooth transition between elementary and secondary level
- Full time secretary and counselor will be on site for grades 5 and 6
- A full time nurse will serve K-6
- Two full time PE (increase from 1) teachers will serve K-6
- Additional Art will be provided for grades K-6
- One administrator will oversee grades 5-8 to assist in creating a well articulated middle level program
- Grades 7-8 will be in one area of SWHS and separate from grades 9-12 or will use common areas at separate times (gym, cafeteria, etc.)
- A full time nurse will serve 7-12
- Students in Grades 7 and 8 will have a 6 period day and students 9-12 will remain on the 4 period day
- Students in grades 7 and 8 will have a separate lunch time from students in grades 9-12
- 7th and 8th grade will continue with daily PE and have access to facilities including tennis courts and a new track
- Advanced course offerings will be available for 7-12 students
- Students in 7-12 will have shop electives available (metal, wood, and Project Lead The Way)
- Our 7-12 athletic program will continue with access to additional facilities
- The needed upgrades to any facilities will be handled within the current budget
- Our outstanding band program will continue
- Our garden program will be enhanced and expanded
- The District will engage with community partners to ensure that the LMS facility is put to good use

Parent and student orientations will take place this Spring. The District hopes to use the help of volunteers in many ways during this time of transition. If you are willing to help please go to our website at www.sw.wednet.edu and follow the link to sign up! Feel free to contact me if you have further questions jmoccia@sw.wednet.edu

Sincerely, Jo Moccia

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