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Arlington School Board named Board of Distinction for the second year in a row

ARLINGTON- The Arlington Public Schools Board of Directors has been named a Board of Distinction by the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) for the second year in a row. The board members were recognized on Nov. 19 during the WSSDA Annual Conference. This is the third time the Arlington School Board has been recognized with this honor.

Of the 295 school district boards in the state of Washington, Arlington was one of 25 boards to earn this honor for 2020. The Boards of Distinction program is designed to encourage boards to examine their practices as governing bodies and how their actions and decisions impact the success of students. National research on the Washington State School Board Standards shows a correlation between board actions and student outcomes. Those recognized as Boards of Distinction have reviewed their decision-making and shown how that is tied to positive student outcomes.

“An ongoing focus of the school board is to eliminate barriers, increase access to learning, and close opportunity gaps that exist for our students,” said Dr. Chrys Sweeting, Superintendent. “One of the ways the district addressed this was by investing in technology to ensure every student has access to a Chromebook computer. This is critical when a majority of our students are currently engaged in distance learning. We are honored to receive the Board of Distinction award.”

“I think every school district deserves an Award of Distinction right now,” agreed Judy Fay, Board President. “Amid chaos, teachers, staff, parents, and students are finding order and creating new ways of teaching and learning. I am honored to be a part of this new process with Arlington Public Schools.”

The Arlington School Board consists of Mike Ray, Sheri Kelly, Judy Fay, Mary Levesque, and Marc Rosson. High school student advisors include Faith Graf and Madeline Andrich.

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The Arlington Public Schools Board of Directors (left to right): Judy Fay, President; Mike Ray, Vice President; Marc Rosson, Legislative Representative; Mary Levesque, Director; Sheri Kelly, Director; Dr. Chrys Sweeting, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Faith Graf, Student Advisor to the Board; and Madeline Andrich, Student Advisor to the Board.