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Arlington School District board and administrators receive valuable feedback from families and community members

ARLINGTON- Forty-five families, community members, board directors and administrators attended Arlington School District's Community Voices listening session on April 28. Elementary and secondary schools were represented during the meeting as well as Stillaguamish Valley Learning Center, Weston High School and Arlington Online Program families. It was an opportunity for board members and district administrators to listen to families and community members.

"We asked attendees what is working well or worth celebrating at their child's school and the district, what areas need improvement, and what they would like to see in the next five years," said Dr. Chrys Sweeting, Superintendent. "Families and community members gave us valuable information, and I appreciate them taking the time to share their thoughts with us."

Attendees liked having alternative learning options for students, Friday early dismissals, and inclusion for all students. They would like to see more mental health support for students and replace Post Middle School within the next five years.

While the majority of attendees joined the meeting via videoconference, Spanish speaking families of students who are learning English as a Second Language at Eagle Creek attended the meeting in person, and the meeting was streamed in the school's library. An interpreter was at the library so the Eagle Creek families could share their feedback and listen to the meeting.

"Our Spanish speaking students and families are a very important part of our school community," said Eagle Creek Principal, Bethany Belisle. "Our goal was to

be able to hear from them without language as a barrier. We enjoyed great conversion and a nice meal together!”

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