

## **News Release**

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### **Arlington High School renews accreditation through the Washington Association of Educational Service Districts**

ARLINGTON- Arlington High School (AHS) renewed its accreditation for another six years through the Washington Association of Educational Service Districts (AESD). Larry Francois, Northwest Educational Service District 189 Superintendent, presented the accreditation plaque to the high school administration during the Arlington Public Schools Board Meeting on Sept. 12.

“The AESD board member panel highlighted Arlington High School’s excellent work with supporting freshmen,” said Francois. “Helping students successfully transition to high school in their first year is so important. It was inspiring to learn about.”

The goal of accreditation is to communicate an independent, external standard of quality that creates a valid, credible reputation for the school and the community that it serves. Schools going through accreditation work with an AESD coach who works with school leadership to facilitate the development of a meaningful school improvement plan (SIP). The SIP development involves staff, students, and families. AHS successfully completed the AESD accreditation process during the 2021-22 school year.

“Our Arlington High School staff have been focused on consistent, ongoing School Improvement Goals centering on the success of our freshmen as a solid foundation for their continued growth,” said Marilee Herman, AHS Principal. “Partnered with our emphasis on rigor, equity, safety and belonging for students in all grade levels, our SIP helps support the community we build for Every Eagle. We work diligently to include staff, community, and student voices as we make decisions to build a solid network of support for our students that will help accelerate them toward their futures. Continuing our accreditation is one important way we demonstrate a continual commitment to providing quality whole child education for our students.”



*Cutline: Arlington High School renewed its accreditation for another six years through the Washington Association of Educational Service Districts. (Left to right: Larry Francois, Northwest Educational Service District 189 Superintendent; Denise Eichler, Arlington High School Assistant Principal; Marilee Herman, Arlington High School Principal; and Cory Duskin, Northwest Educational Service District 189 Board Member.)*