

## News Release

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### **Stillaguamish Tribe invites local teachers to a potlatch**

ARLINGTON- The Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians invited teachers and others from the Arlington, Lakewood, and Stanwood-Camano School Districts to a potlatch on March 17 at the Angel of the Winds Casino. A potlatch is a gift-giving feast. Attendees shared a meal and experienced singing, dancing and storytelling.

“The intention of this potlatch is to include these local teachers in the warm embrace of traditional Coast Salish ceremony,” said Sam Barr, Stillaguamish Tribe Tribal Historic Preservation Office Supervisor. “Our hope is that it inspires them to take the first steps of learning and teaching the ‘Since Time Immemorial’ curriculum, and to build the relationships required for that work.”

Representatives from schools that attended the potlatch were recognized by the tribe and received a book on the history of the Stillaguamish Tribe. Gifts were also handed out to attendees.

“It was wonderful to be present at this tribal event which was very impactful,” said Dr. Chrys Sweeting, Arlington Public Schools Superintendent. “I am thankful for the tribe’s generosity and for welcoming us to this potlatch. Events like this further strengthen our partnership with the Stillaguamish Tribe.”

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