



Superintendent's Update

Farewell and Best Wishes: Superintendent Schubert Retires



Superintendent Kim Schubert

It's hard to believe, but January 1, 2022 marked the start of my retirement. Bellevue Schools has been my home for more than two decades. It has been an honor and a blessing to serve the students and families in the town where I grew up and that I love so dearly.

In my 10 years as elementary principal, followed by 13 years as superintendent, I've had the privilege of working alongside top-notch staff and Board of Education members whom I consider friends. I'm proud of all that we've accomplished – from building new schools so that students can learn in high-quality settings for years to come – to introducing new academic programs and opportunities to ensure our students are college and career-ready.

Bellevue City Schools has a stable financial outlook, quality curriculum, solid strategic plan, and is backed by great staff and a supportive community. While leaving is bittersweet, I do so knowing the timing is right.

I have the utmost confidence in Interim Superintendent Larry Pitts and know that our Board of Education is dedicated to finding the right candidate to lead Bellevue Schools into the future; someone who is poised to carry on the time-honored traditions and educational experience this community has come to expect.

Farewell to a district and community that has given me so much. I wish you nothing but the best.

With Gratitude,
Kim Schubert

Meet Bellevue Schools Interim Superintendent

Welcome to Larry Pitts, who assumed the role of interim superintendent Jan. 1. While he is new to the position, he is a familiar face here at Bellevue. He served as Director of Curriculum and Instruction for Bellevue City Schools from 2010-2016.

With more than 40 years of experience in education, he has been a teacher, middle school principal, and superintendent. His knowledge of the district will be an asset as we search for a new leader.

"I loved my time in Bellevue and am excited to be back," he said.

Let's give him a warm Redmen welcome!



Bellevue Schools Recognized by Chamber of Commerce



Bellevue Schools were given two prestigious awards by the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce November 18.



Chamber Director Pam Verhoff, along with members Jim Davis and Sarah Eastman Wilson presented all employees of Bellevue Schools with the Corporate Citizen of the Year award for their dedication to the safety of students throughout the pandemic. The award was accepted by the district's board of education and administrative team.

Similarly, outgoing superintendent Kim Schubert and recently retired, longtime athletic director, Brian Schubert, were presented Citizens of the Year awards for their dedication to the students of Bellevue City School District during their 30-year careers as educators.

We are proud of the achievements of our staff and students and are thankful for educators like the Schuberts, whose leadership and commitment to the district have paved the way for a strong future for Bellevue Schools.

Search for New Superintendent Underway With Kim Schubert's recent retirement, Bellevue Schools Board of Education is working alongside North Point

Educational Service Center to conduct a search for the district's next superintendent.

The position was posted Dec. 6, 2021, and applications will be accepted through Jan. 14. The Board of Education will meet with staff, parents and community members at the end of January to learn more about the qualities our key stakeholders would like to see in the next superintendent.

First and second interviews will take place in February. The goal is to select a new superintendent by mid-March 2022, and their employment will be effective beginning Aug. 1.



Asset Team Aids in Student Development



Bellevue Middle School's Asset Team

has been hard at work on several initiatives this year. The team's goal is to educate students on the 40 developmental assets that are identified as the building blocks for healthy adolescent development.

First, the team put together Comfort Bags to help students navigate the death of a close family member. The bags include a tie blanket made by team members, a journal, sketchbooks and puzzles.

Second, they hosted a Red Ribbon Week where they led activities around drug and alcohol awareness and educated students on the importance of making healthy choices.

Third, on World Kindness Day, celebrated in November each year, Asset Team members created Be Kind posters and encouraged students to take their photo with the posters. Bracelets with positive words and sayings were also given to students throughout the day.

Thank you to the Asset Team for making our school a more positive place.



Virtual Reality Expands Student Experience

Bellevue High School teachers took part in professional development on virtual reality (VR) last summer. Now, they are enjoying integrating what they learned into classroom instruction.

Students in Mrs. Keller's 21st Century Global Studies class started the school year studying cities in Latin America, Africa, and the Middle East. Aided by a classroom set of Oculus Quest 2 virtual reality devices, they were able to do more than just read or hear about these cities; they were able to "see" the locations through the VR experience.





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Bellevue Schools Headed for May Ballot With Renewal Levy

On May 3, 2022, the Bellevue City School District community will see a 10-year renewal operating levy on the ballot. This issue will result in zero increase to taxpayers.

The \$1.3 million operating levy has been in place since 1998 and was last approved in 2012 for 10 years. If passed, funding from the levy would maintain the day-to-day operations of the district.

Bellevue Schools strive to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars. To this end, a strong effort has been made by all employees to be as efficient as possible. Additionally, the district managed a positive balance throughout the pandemic without returning to taxpayers with new operating fund requests.

We will continue to work together to provide the strong education that parents and residents have come to expect. Thank you for your support.

Elementary Students Learning Key Safety Skills

From a young age, children are taught to stop and look both ways before crossing the street. Bellevue Elementary is taking general safety practices one step further this year.

Kindergarten and first-grade students are learning what different street signs look like and mean; railroad crossing safety; stranger danger; crosswalk safety; and how and when to call 911.

These lessons are being taught to instill in children the skills needed to keep themselves and those around them safe.