



One community dedicated to the success of each student...
Message from Superintendent Deborah Rumbaugh



Stanwood-Camano School District

Family Communication
October 8, 2021

Hello Families,

As I visit classrooms each week, I am amazed and impressed by the learning and growth that is taking place across our schools. Our students are engaged in math and science projects, creative writing activities and arts galore! In one classroom, I watched students consider the many ways they can encourage themselves and their peers to be their best each day. Our teachers, parents, staff and administrators have demonstrated flexible, patient and kind leadership over the last month. Thank you for all that you do to support our schools!

Reminder: Friday, October 15, is a Non-Student Day

During this month's non-student day, our staff will be participating in professional development. This day allows our staff to grow their craft as they learn about and plan for high-quality learning experiences for your children.

Fall Conferences Will Have a Virtual Option

October 27th, 28th and 29th are early release days for K-12 parent-teacher conferences. You will have the option to attend in person or virtually via Google Meets. The schedule for these days will be 7:40 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. for secondary schools and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for elementary schools. Please note that October 27th is a Wednesday but is **not** a late start day. Schools will soon be reaching out to you to schedule conferences. Please contact your student's school if you have questions.

Twice Weekly COVID Testing for Basketball, Wrestling and Water Polo

Per the K-12 Department of Health Requirements, screening testing is required for all **unvaccinated athletes** in high contact indoor sports (basketball, wrestling, water polo). This is not a new requirement, this requirement has been in place since August.

Fully vaccinated athletes **do not have to participate** in screening testing. Screening testing must be performed twice weekly using a molecular or antigen test. A rapid antigen test is performed on all unvaccinated athletes within 24 hours of the competition. In a multi-day event, testing will occur before each competition. The second test during the week will be performed 3-4 days prior to or after the competition and may be a molecular or antigen test. If a molecular test is performed, the athlete does not need to isolate while awaiting screening test results, unless they are exhibiting symptoms.

Capital Projects & Technology Replacement Levy on February Ballot

The district will have a Levy on the February 8, 2022, Ballot. The estimated tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed property value for this measure is 27 cents for each year of the levy. School districts are allowed to collect only the amount of money approved by voters. Unlike bonds, there is no interest cost for a capital levy.

When assessed property values change, the local school tax rate is adjusted to ensure that the district collects only the levy dollar amount approved by voters. If approved by voters, this measure would expire at the end of 2026. The proposed total local school tax rate is expected to decrease from current levels. The Replacement Capital Projects & Technology Levy is expected to provide funding over 4 years.

This levy proposal is expected to allow the district to maintain technology systems and continue to make major improvements to existing facilities. To learn more about the upcoming levy, [click here](#).