



Some questions and answers about our financial situation

The Battle Ground Public Schools' replacement levy for maintenance and operations was approved on Feb. 9 by 53.27 percent of the voters. It will go into effect in January 2011 when the present levy, approved in 2007, expires.

The new levy is for three years and will supplement state support for basic education. State funding covers roughly 75 percent of the cost of operating our schools. Here are some questions and answers regarding the levy and the school district's current financial situation:

Question: During the recent school levy campaign we heard a lot about Battle Ground Public Schools being financially strapped due to past levy failures and the relatively small amount of the 2007 levy. Does passage of this levy for 2011, 2012 and 2013, make the district "well" and on par with other districts?

Answer: It will help. But we won't know where we stand until the state budget is approved by the Legislature and acted on by the governor. Last year, in the face of sharply declining state revenue, nearly \$6 million was cut from the expected state funding for Battle

Ground Public Schools. State officials have predicted additional cuts in this next budget of between \$1.7 million and \$6.5 million to our district.

Question: What about that King County court decision that was in the news? Isn't that supposed to take care of school funding?

Answer: King County Superior Court Judge John Erlick ruled in February that the state is failing to fully fund basic education for the state's school children, which the Washington Constitution requires. He ordered the Legislature to establish the actual cost of providing that education, then pay for it consistently and dependably.

Question: Great. When will this happen?

Answer: Judge Erlick did not give the state a deadline, and an appeal is possible. In the meantime, the Legislature is still faced with a \$2.8 billion budget deficit and school districts across the state continue to need local levies to bridge the ever-widening chasm.

Question: What about the cuts the district made last summer in response to the reduction in state support? Will those cuts in programs, salaries

and personnel be restored?

Answer: Until the new state budget is approved, we will not know its impact on school finances or whether the district will be able to restore any cuts from the 2009-2010 school year. In any case, the Battle Ground School Board on Dec. 5, 2009, approved a strategic plan. That plan, not the old school district budget, will be a guide for creating future budgets for Battle Ground Public Schools.

Question: Were any permanent efficiencies discovered or economies achieved as a result of the cutbacks last year?

Answer: Yes. We stepped up our energy conservation efforts in various ways, including a fuel-saving program in which school buses are parked at Pleasant Valley, Glenwood Heights and Yacolt schools during the day rather than driven back to the bus yard. (At Yacolt, they are parked overnight).

Another example is our energy-saving program in the schools and offices. That includes a campaign to turn off lights when not in use and turn down thermostats. It also

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DVDs from BG sent to U.S. troops

More than 400 DVDs collected by Prairie High School Air Force Junior ROTC students are now in the hands of U.S. troops in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The DVDs were donated primarily by students and employees of the school district after Pat Wagner, the mother of a U.S. Marine, suggested last fall that the ROTC tackle the

project. Her son Robert was in the Prairie ROTC program and graduated in 2008.

Initially, the drive was focused on Prairie High School students and staff. But Amy Walker, one of the Prairie ROTC students, pushed to involve the entire school district. Schools and offices across the district participated and more than 400 DVDs were

collected and mailed to our troops.

Many of the DVD cases had something extra tucked inside—notes written by school district students thanking the troops for their service to their country.

Instructors in the ROTC program at Prairie are Col. Pete Gray and Sgt. Randy Martin.



These Prairie High School ROTC students participated in the collection of more than 400 donated DVDs, which were sent to U.S. troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. From left: Jessica Keenan, Kaylan Rude, Branden Savage, Gabriel Ramos, Gabriel Rule, James Hunter and Dallas Weiss. All are seniors.

Preparations for plant-sale portend spring's approach



The public will have plenty of opportunity to purchase pulchritudinous pansies, petunias and other plants in and around Battle Ground in the coming weeks. Here, Amanda Wisner (front), Kendra Vanderhoef and Chris Lane, students in Chris Yorke's horticulture class at Battle Ground High, tend pansies at the BGHS greenhouses in preparation for a sale April 24. Other sales are scheduled for April 24 and 25 at the CASEE center and May 1 at Prairie High School. See the calendar of events on Page 2.

Board President Pagel offers thanks, concern

Steve Pagel cites 'phenomenal' voter support for Battle Ground schools amid state cutbacks as he pledges to 'reach out' to sincere critics

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I would first like to thank our Battle Ground School District community for the recent passage of the maintenance and operations levy. It is historic. It is responsible. It sends the message that this community values a strong school district dedicated to educating and preparing our children for their young adult life.

As thankful as we are for those who supported our levy, we must not lose sight of the concerns of those who opposed it. As a board, we are aware that some voters have a different view than we have. We are not closing our eyes, ears or minds to those concerns. We must reach out to those people, and learn where they feel we are falling short. We have much to learn from informed and sincere 'no' voters. Their perspective is necessary in developing a strong district for years to come.

Our superintendent, Dr.

Shonny Bria, is forming a citizen's advisory committee on fiscal and other matters. In addition, every school board meeting has two public-comment segments, and contact information for all five school board members is available on the district Web site. (www.bgsd.k12.wa.us) Click the "School Board" tab and then click "The Directors" link.) You will always find people who will listen. Our perspective is developed through information from numerous sources. Your voice matters.

Your trust matters. Your five school board members, with different strengths and perspectives, are working very well together. This board will agree and disagree but will always communicate to an end that will be best for the children of today and the future.

State support lacking

Over the years, the state has shifted more and more

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includes an automatic nightly shut-off of all computers. Recycling programs have been stepped up and a food-scrap-recycling program has begun.

Question: After the levy passed, Superintendent Shonny Bria announced she will establish some kind of citizens' advisory committee to suggest economies or other improvements in the way the district is managed. What's the status of that?

Answer: Applications are still being taken and meetings will be open to the public. It is a work in progress. Check the Web page at www.bgsd.k12.wa.us or call 885-5300 and ask for the superintendent's office or the communications office for information.

Question: Why is it called a maintenance and operations levy?

Answer: The term "maintenance and operations" is used for costs that are normal and recurring operations of a school district, such as teaching, curriculum materials, food services, building and grounds maintenance, data processing, security, printing, administration, and school bus operations. It could also be considered the "general fund".

Question: Isn't that just about everything?

Answer: M&O levies do not cover projects such as building expansion, major remodeling, demolition and removal of old, decrepit structures and establishment of new athletic fields. Those are capital construction projects, which require voters' approval of a bond issue.

Question: How much of Battle Ground's general fund is financed by the levy?

Answer: For the current school year, the levy approved in 2007 is still in effect and is approximately 11.5 percent of the general fund budget. That is helped somewhat by state "levy-equalization" money totaling 3.4 percent of the general fund budget for a total of 14.7 percent in levy-related money. But that compares to upwards of the

will total approximately 24 percent of the district's M&O budget.

Question: We saw something in the district's levy brochure comparing levy dollars per-student in Battle Ground to other Clark County school districts. What was that?

Answer: Even though our levy request was a higher percentage increase than levies in most other local districts, it still didn't get us to the county average in levy dollars per-pupil. With passage, our levy will raise \$1,588 per-year per-student. See box to left.

Question: Just how much are our schools dependent on local levies?

Answer: The state allows local school districts to levy property taxes up to a maximum ("lid") of 24 percent of the district's general fund budget. But, until this year, Battle Ground Public Schools typically levied only about one-half of the amount allowable.

This level of funding has allowed the district to function, but left it with minimal funds for additional teachers, routine maintenance, curriculum adoptions, technology and adequate custodial, maintenance, grounds and office staff.

With the loss of all levy funds in 2007 (following the 2006 levy failures), the district made drastic cuts and used its reserve funds to get through the school year. That reserve remains precariously low. But, with passage of the new levy, we are on a path to re-establishing the reserve fund while, as our mission statement says, educating "young minds to ensure that our children are prepared for the next step in their lives."

This will be the ranking of per-pupil levy dollars in Clark County beginning in 2011

Camas, \$1,859
Vancouver, \$1,786
Ridgefield, \$1,771
Washougal, \$1,767
Hockinson, \$1,654
Battle Ground, \$1,588
Evergreen, \$1,580
La Center, \$1,542.

24 percent maximum levy and levy equalization money in many other districts.

Question: OK, that's this year. But we just passed a levy. What will be the effect going forward?

Answer: Assuming a budget of similar size for 2010-2011, and if the state provides levy equalization funds at the same rate (which is a big "if"), it will amount to approximately 15.1 percent of the district's M&O costs covered by levy-related dollars.

The situation will improve even more in 2011-2012, which will be the first full school year with the new levy being in effect. If the state keeps its levy equalization (another "if"), then the new levy plus state equalization

and administrators are better equipped to help our children to meet these goals.

The support that our community has shown for the children in the Battle Ground School District is phenomenal. The employees of this district work tirelessly for the good of the children and community.

We still have enormous financial challenges in the short term and we continue to look for -- and implement -- cost savings.

As a school board, it is our responsibility to

see that the resources this community has pledged to our district are used in the most efficient and practical means possible. But we also intend to foster enthusiasm for doing precisely what the district's strategic plan calls for: Educating young minds to ensure that our children are prepared for the next step in their lives."

I am excited for the future of Battle Ground Public Schools.

Thank you,
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of the cost of operating and maintaining public schools to local taxpayers. In a recent King County decision, the courts ruled that our state lawmakers are not fulfilling their constitutional responsibility to fund basic education.

A similar ruling was handed down more than 30 years ago, yet now we are in a very similar -- and difficult -- position.

As the judge in the King County case made perfectly clear, public schools do not get as large a slice of the state's financial pie as the constitution requires. In order for districts across the state, including Battle Ground, to provide an adequate education for our kids, we are forced to run local levies.

Thankfully, our community responded by passing the Feb. 9 levy. The voters said education is a priority and a strong community starts with a strong school system.

Pressure to improve

There is enormous pressure on our schools, in particular our teachers and students, to meet ever-increasing benchmarks as measured by standardized tests. As a result of the levy, our teachers

On the Horizon



Lee LaLone, a volunteer with NatureScaping (www.naturescapeing.org), tends the Wildlife and Botanical garden where a plant sale is set for April 24-25. The garden is adjacent to the Battle Ground Public Schools' offices at 11104 N.E. 149th St. in Brush Prairie, a half mile west of state Highway 503. Other spring plant sales are set for April 24 at Battle Ground High and May 1 at Prairie High.

Here are a few of the major events this spring in Battle Ground schools. For additional events, or for times and other details about these events, call the respective schools or check their Web sites (www.bgsd.k12.wa.us and the "Our Schools" tab).

- **March 12** — Tukes Valley schools' spaghetti feed
- **March 12-13** — Prairie High, JROTC Drill Weekend
- **March 13** — Battle Ground High, Sodexo Nutrition Services' high school culinary competition
- **March 16** — CAM Jr.-Sr. High 2010-11 information meeting, grades 9-12
- **March 18** — CAM Jr.-Sr. High 2010-11 information meeting, grades 5-8
- **March 18** — Prairie High Key Club talent show
- **March 23** — Prairie High choir concert
- **March 24** — Prairie High band concert
- **March 24** — Discovery Middle School in Vancouver, Lower Columbia Music Educators Association regional band festival
- **March 26** — No school, teachers' Learning Improvement Day
- **March 29** — April 2 — No school, spring break
- **April 6** — Prairie High 8th grade open house
- **April 8** — Battle Ground High 8th grade open house
- **April 10** — Maple Grove Middle School rummage sale
- **April 13** — Battle Ground High spring choral concert
- **April 19-23** — 2010-11 Kindergarten registration
- **April 24** — Battle Ground High plant sale
- **April 24-25** — NatureScaping plant sale, CASEE Wildlife and Botanical Gardens, (www.naturescapeing.org)
- **April 24** — Battle Ground High, "Wild West Roundup" dinner auction
- **April 29** — Yacolt Primary, Amboy-Yacolt spaghetti feed/open house/raffle
- **April 30, May 1, 7 and 8** — Prairie High, ONE ACTS@ Prairie H.S.
- **May 1** — Prairie High plant sale
- **May 13** — Battle Ground High band concert and Award Night
- **May 15** — Hazel Dell Parade of Bands, several BG Schools participating
- **May 24** — River HomeLink annual Project Fair, 2204 N.E. Birch St., Camas
- **May 28** — Prairie High Jazz Night
- **May 31** — Memorial Day, no school
- **June 5** — Tukes Valley carnival
- **June 3** — Battle Ground High Night of Jazz, choral and instrumental
- **June 4** — Battle Ground High Cabaret/Dinner Night (choir, band, drama)
- **June 5** — Captain Strong Primary carnival
- **June 9** — Junior Rose Parade, Portland
- **June 10** — Prairie High band concert
- **June 11** — Prairie High choir concert
- **June 12** — Pleasant Valley PTA's Fitness Walk at WSUV.

2008-2009 Battle Ground Public Schools' Report Card: This report is required by the federal No Child Left Behind law. It covers activities, test scores and staff and student information from the 2008-2009 academic year. It is accessible in full detail at the Web site of the Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction at www.k12.wa.us Then, click on Battle Ground. Or, you can go directly to the information for a specific school by typing the school name in the search window at top right, below the "Tools" window.

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Kindergarten teachers: These ringmasters are masters of multitasking

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According to the *Online Etymology Dictionary*, the word "multitasking" is a product of the computer age, dating back only as far as the presidency of Lyndon Johnson. But, as any primary school teacher knows, the practice of multitasking is as

work one-on-one with the kindergarteners (the "Younger") one hour per day, four days a week. Many of those students go on to become teachers or make careers in other "helping professions," such as nursing and social work.

Yearout is a team teacher with Debby Gage of the BGHS

of written prompts and their teacher as she moves from table to table, they produce papers with drawings and sentences such as, "I love my Dad and Mom" and "I like go carts." At least one girl breaks the one-syllable pattern and describes what she has drawn: "This is a flamingo."



Angelina Voichishin and Kensie Skultety do some serious math work in Mary Cortez' class.



Teacher Mary Cortez is 'shocked' as the puppet Word Bird introduces new words. Jesse Smith is student.

old as the teaching profession and doesn't necessarily have a thing to do with computers or other electronic gizmos.

Take kindergarten teachers for example. When it comes to multitasking, somebody walking, chewing gum, listening to music, texting and chatting with a companion all at the same time doesn't have a thing on a teacher with a classroom full of energetic, eager, bright-eyed 5-year olds. They might be compared favorably and appreciatively to a ringmaster in a three-ring circus.

The Kentucky Derby is reputed to be the most exciting two minutes in sports. After spending time in the classrooms of Mary Cortez at Maple Grove

faculty, who is the high school mentors' instructor under the district's Career and Technical Education program.

Always 'on stage'

From the instant kindergarteners begin walking into their classrooms, teachers such as Yearout and Cortez are on stage and in command of myriad matters at any given time. They are a combination teacher, friend, counselor, and traffic cop. They keep things orderly but fun, educational but engaging.

"Ethan, I'm so glad to see you," Yearout tells one boy as he enters her classroom. "We missed you yesterday."

Ethan explains that he

Keeping noise down, interest up

Throughout their class times, Cortez and Yearout are in total control, not only by keeping their young charges mentally engaged in a variety of activities, but also by gently enforcing limits on behavior and the noise level.

Yearout's voice seems never to rise above a whisper, and her students pretty much follow suit. As she kneels at a table next to one little girl struggling with a sentence, a boy from another table walks over and interrupts to proudly announce, "Mrs. Yearout, I'm done,"

Not missing a beat or raising her voice in the least, she replies, "How are you going to show me you are done?"

He knows what to do; it just slipped his mind. In an instant, he's back in his chair with his hand in the air. His teacher praises that behavior and goes to him next.

These teachers are like jugglers or pie-plate spinners on the old "Ed Sullivan Show," keeping their eyes, hands and brains on multiple objects (i.e. children) at all times. Student boredom and apathy are not allowed; every 15 or 20 minutes the activity changes. "If they are not engaged, they are not learning," Cortez says. "I need their brains to be engaged. If I can incorporate that, I can get them. The trick is how to make it meaningful for them."

As with movie character Forest Gump's box of chocolates, "You never know

what you're gonna get" with a kindergarten class every September.

Cortez, in her eighth year of teaching here, said, "I have four students who came not knowing any letters. I have three special education students, four English language learners and some with speech problems. We are meeting the needs of all our students."

Her route to a kindergarten class at Maple Grove Primary this year was as varied as a kindergartener's classroom regimen. She has taught all primary grades and at four different schools in the district.

"My goal is to teach the same grade in the same room for more than two years," she chuckled. "But I've loved it all. I've been blessed to work with great teams of people. The ability to collaborate with your peers will make or break you. It has made me a better teacher."

Yearout, who was a Head Start program teacher in Yakima early in her career and has taught kindergarten in Battle Ground since 1983, said, "I have some students

another, all in one multitasking 20-minute session.

Next, Debby Gage's high school students come in for almost an hour of one-on-one work with students. They pair up and drift to various corners and tables to read, write, do math and visit.

There are 22 girls and four boys among this year's mentors. One of them is Kelsey Irvin, who was a kindergartener in Yearout's class back in 1998-99. Ryan Cowl, assistant principal at the Tukes Valley campus, was a mentor in Yearout's class when he was a BGHS student.

Watching Yearout and Cortez in front of their students is like watching an Oscar-winning actress at work. In fact, Cortez has considerable experience on the stage, doing amateur summer theater in the San Francisco Bay Area where she grew up, and high school and adult productions.

Is it nap time?

I had to know: Do kindergarteners still have nap time (even if they never actually sleep)?

Nope. No more naps.



Kelsey Irvin, who was in Yearout's kindergarten class in 1998-99, mentors Calvin Nagel.

Primary and Robyn Yearout of Captain Strong Primary, I nominate kindergarten as the most exciting two hours and 45 minutes in elementary education.

Yearout's classroom is on the nearby Battle Ground High School campus, where it is part of the "Older/Younger" program.

BGHS students are the "Older" in that name. They

had a sore throat and couldn't swallow, but is now on the mend.

Ethan and his classmates don't linger to chat with their teacher or each other. They head straight for their seats and begin "Writers' Workshop," the first of many segments into which their day would be divided.

The task at hand: write three sentences. With the help



Teacher Robyn Yearout, Hannah Loyd and BGHS mentor Joani Stewart.

who come to kindergarten not knowing the difference between a number and a letter, while others are already fluent readers."

Enter the 'Olders'

In Yearout's class, the students finish their "Writers' Workshop" assignments and with almost no prodding go to another part of the room and pick up a book or a puzzle.

After that, Yearout gathers her students for singing songs, working on their numbers, practicing phonics, washing their hands with a squirt-on cleanser, having a snack and demonstrating respect for one

"We're teaching kids to read, and we're doing tons of math," Cortez says. "We're committed to teaching the kindergarten state standards and providing a strong foundation for our students to enjoy and pursue learning their whole life. This is not the kindergarten of eight years ago when I started teaching."



BGHS Jr. Michael Lockwood with Mason Kelly in Robyn Yearout's class.

Generations linked, friendships renewed, school histories displayed at celebration

When the Battle Ground School District celebrated its 100th anniversary on Jan. 9, it was a gathering like nothing this community had ever experienced – a party marked by good food, music, local history and countless mini-reunions of former educators and students.

Some 1,200 people who now or once worked for the Battle Ground School District as well as former and present students and members of the



Carved logger was part of the Yacolt Primary School's exhibit at Centennial celebration.

general public showed up to renew friendships, learn local schools' history and honor "100 Heroes" of the district's



Cake was donated by Battle Ground Fred Meyer.

first 100 years.

One of those attending the Jan. 9, 2010, celebration at Battle Ground High School was Jane Onsdorff Malmquist, the granddaughter of Peter Onsdorff, one of the district's first three school board members back in 1909-1910. Another was Darcy Schmitt, music teacher at BGHS and the great grand-niece of William Bramhall, another member of the first school board.

There was Sharon Mickey Norton of Portland, granddaughter of D.B. Mickey, the school district's first custodian, in the 1920s, and one of its first bus drivers. He also sold 2.6 acres of land to the district in the early years for construction of a school.

There was Virginia Durkee Richards, formerly of Vancouver. She is the daughter of the district's first principal, R.S. Durkee, whose career as an educator and legislator lasted into the 1950s. She came all the way from Sequim, Wash., on the Olympic Peninsula, for the celebration.

Students who graduated from Battle Ground High School as far back as 1934 were

there. So was Mac McConnell, a retired teacher and administrator who launched his career in Battle Ground in 1946.

These and many, many others with connections to Battle Ground schools came to celebrate the establishment of School District No. 64, created by the merger of the Maple Grove and Dublin districts in time for the 1909-10 school year. (The district number changed more than once over the years and now is No. 119.)

Over time, 54 districts form one

The dividing line for those two rural, one-school districts was Main Street in present-day Battle Ground, which at that time had no school of its own. Over time, 54 small, rural districts would fold into the Battle Ground School District, the last being Yacolt in 1975.

For many, the highlight of the centennial celebration was the honoring of "100 Heroes" of the school district. They had been selected by a committee of a dozen from more than 160 nominations submitted by past and present employees and the public at large.

The Heroes included Onsdorff, Bramhall, Mickey, Durkee and other teachers, administrators, school board members, cooks, custodians, secretaries and parent volunteers. (Present employees and school board members were not eligible.)

In the case of deceased Heroes, organizers of the celebration endeavored to track down descendants, such as those mentioned above. In only three or four cases were they unable to find a living descendant.

One of those Heroes was Eliza Scherzer, who in the mid-1920s was the first woman superintendent of Battle Ground schools, and likely one of the first female superintendents in the state.

Schools tout their history

Another feature of the party was the school's main corridor, lined with exhibits by every one of the district's 20 schools. Prepared and staffed mostly by parent volunteers, they depicted the histories of the respective schools, including buildings

no longer standing. Throughout the day, instrumental and vocal groups from various schools provided entertainment. Sodexo Nutrition Services, the district's food services provider, prepared and sold spaghetti, pizza or hot dog lunches. A 15-minute video



Ray Bergren, BGHS Class of 1936, renews old friendships at the Jan. 9 Battle Ground Public Schools Centennial celebration.

into former colleagues.

Included in the positive feedback in the days after the event was this letter to a local newspaper: "The celebration of the 100th year of the Battle Ground School District was a birthday party extraordinaire... The event served as a reminder of the small-town atmosphere that has always been prevalent



Pleasant Valley co-PTA Presidents Melinda Darley, left, and Aimee Walter were responsible for creating their schools' exhibit.

tracing school district history through interviews with several former students and teachers was another highlight. It was photographed, edited and directed by video production teacher Jason Foster of BGHS.

But, in the end, it was the myriad informal, floating reunions that made the day for many as students ran into former teachers and long-retired employees bumped

in the district with a community that has grown by leaps and bounds. The gathering exemplified the attitude in the school district that students are all important... I saw some current students visiting with ladies from the graduating class of 1937. Personally, I was pleased to reconnect with many former students, colleagues, parents and community members."

Celebration funded by private donations

The Jan. 9 community celebration marking the 100th year of the Battle Ground School District was privately financed. In addition to personal donations from 22 individuals and couples, these businesses and organizations made donations of cash or goods and materials:

- Todd Construction, Tualatin, OR
- Triplett Wellman, Inc., Woodburn, OR
- Laurelwood Brewing and Public House
- Battle Ground Printing
- Fred Meyer, Battle Ground
- iQ Credit Union
- School Employees Credit Union of Washington
- Battle Ground Education Association
- Battle Ground Principals Association
- Qwest
- Battle Ground City Grill
- Rocky's Pizza
- Just Name It Gifts
- Miller's Insurance
- Public School Employees of Battle Ground
- Battle Ground Public Schools administrative support employees
- General Federation of Women's Clubs – Silver Gavel



Heroes of the school district's first century, many represented by descendants, were honored at the celebration