



Letter of Interest – Participation on District Task Force Standing Committee or Ad Hoc Committee

Thank you for your interest in participating in the work of the school district. We appreciate the willingness of staff, parents/guardians, students, and community members to help us review current programs, explore ideas, and develop recommendations for the Superintendent and School Board to consider. Community engagement is a priority for the district. We cannot be successful without hearing from all voices.

Task force or committee members must be ready to commit to regularly attend meetings, complete possible homework, and abide by norms for group behavior. Members will use the Code of Cooperation that follows.

Please complete the form below and return it to the district office, 1306 Dupont Street, as soon as possible before the posted deadline for this task force or committee. The chair/facilitator for the task force or committee will review each interested member and propose a group that is balanced with representation by diverse geographic regions/neighborhoods, student groups or grade levels, background/experiences relative to the task, etc. Any questions about membership selection should be directed to the chair/facilitator for the group. For information about the chair/facilitator, the membership and the timeline for any task force/committee, please visit www.bham.wednet.edu

Name of Task Force or Committee: _____

(please check only one) Parent Student District Staff Community

Name: _____

Address: _____

School/Department: _____ Grade Level: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Do you currently or have you had children in Bellingham Public Schools? If yes, which school(s)?

Please briefly describe your background, training or experience that led you to be interested in becoming a member of this task force/committee.

Please describe any other information you would like us to consider as we develop a broad-based panel of staff, students and community members to do this work.

Please note your general availability if selected to serve on this task force/committee (e.g. before school, lunch hour, daytime, evening, etc.).

Thank you for your interest in participating in the work of the district. The chair/facilitator for this task force/committee will be in touch with you regarding your participation with this group. Please let us know your questions. Contact the facilitator as shown on the district Web site for more information.

CODE OF COOPERATION

1. Attend all team meetings and be on time.
2. Listen to and show respect for the views of other members.
3. Criticize ideas, not persons.
4. The only stupid question is the one that is not asked.
5. Pay attention – avoid disruptive behavior.
6. Carry out assignments on schedule.
7. Resolve conflicts constructively.
8. Avoid disruptive side conversations.
9. Always strive for win-win situations.
10. Every member is responsible for the team's progress/success.