

*Thank You Chehalis  
Community!*

**FRIDAY  
CONNECT**  
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### Thank You, Chehalis Voters

This week, our Friday Connect newsletter is dedicated to saying 'Thank You' to the Chehalis community for supporting our schools.

Levies are for learning. Our local levy is used to fund educational needs and services not fully-funded by the state. The current Chehalis school levy accounts for about 11.06% of our school district's revenue budget, excluding Green Hill Academic School – which is 100% funded by the state and federal grants. Levy money supports areas such as: security/safety; nursing; special education; transportation; curriculum; technology; counseling; library; food service; music; extracurricular activities; insurance; and building maintenance.



In addition to Chehalis voters. We would like to extend a special thanks to the members of the Citizens for Chehalis Schools committee. In particular, thank you to co-chairs Mike Alexander, Rachel Mordick and Greg Lund and treasurer Cathy Jensen. Thank you for showing up for our students. Thank you for showing up for our staff. And thank you for showing up to make sure that student achievement continues in the Chehalis School District.



### Walters to Retire, Community Input Needed

W.F. West Principal Bob Walters has announced that he will retire at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Walters is a 1980 W.F. West High School graduate who began working in the Chehalis School District in 2000 and served as: Assistant Principal of W.F. West for five years; Principal for Green Hill Academic School for six years; and then in his current role as Principal for W.F. West for 14 years. We thank Bob for his service and commitment to this district and its students and families.



A nationwide search is underway to find the next W.F. West Principal. We are looking for input from Chehalis parents and community members about what we should be looking for in the next person to lead our high school team. As part of the process of selecting a new principal, we are asking all parents and community members to participate in a ThoughtExchange survey to share their thoughts.

The Parent/Community ThoughtExchange is open now until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 26. Please take time to share your thoughts. Go back in as many times as you choose to share new thoughts and star other thoughts. (Please do not name anyone in the exchange. Thoughts that single people out will be removed). To participate in the ThoughtExchange, [CLICK HERE](#).

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