

## Edmonds School District #15

# School Closure Summary of Effects and Plan for Citizen Involvement

In June of 2008, the Edmonds School District Board of Directors instructed the Citizens Planning Committee to develop plans to consolidate Evergreen Elementary and Woodway Elementary into neighboring schools. The consolidation would take effect and students would start at their new school in the fall of 2009. The plans will be reviewed by the school board on November 18, 2008 and December 16, 2008. Any school board action on the proposed plans developed by the CPC will take place on December 16, 2008.

This recommendation was made to reduce annual operational costs for the school district. For the 2008 – 2009 operating budget the district reduced 3.3 million dollars as a result of limited resources and increased costs. The basic overhead required to operate an elementary school in the 2008 – 2009 school year has very recently been estimated to be approximately \$722,000 a year. In order to be fiscally responsible the district must continue to reduce costs and build capacity to meet budget challenges. It is for this reason that we must consider the closure of the two smallest schools in the district, Evergreen and Woodway Elementary schools, in addition to other operational costs reductions.

A plan is being designed by the Citizens Planning Committee to consolidate Woodway Elementary School into neighboring Sherwood and Westgate Elementary Schools. A second plan is being designed to consolidate Evergreen Elementary School into other nearby elementary schools in the southeast quadrant of the district. These plans will be presented to the Edmonds School District Board of Directors for review at Board meetings scheduled for November 18, 2008, and December 16, 2008. The schedule for public hearings on the suggested plans of closure for Evergreen and Woodway is provided below.

All students formerly attending Woodway and Evergreen will be offered at their new school an instructional program and related services consistent with other elementary schools, as well as a school facility that provides for their learning needs in a safe effective environment.

For each school a plan will be developed to guide the smooth transition of students to their newly assigned school. Parents, students and staff from both the closing schools and the receiving schools will be consulted in the creation of the transition plan.

All public hearings will be held in the board room of the Edmonds Educational Service Center 20420 68<sup>th</sup> Ave. West, Lynnwood, Washington.

Meetings will begin at 6:00 pm

Woodway public hearings  
September 30, 2008  
November 12, 2008

Evergreen public hearings  
October 14, 2008  
December 9, 2008