



LYNDEN
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tradition + Pride + Excellence

2023-2024 Budget Planning Guiding Principles

The Lynden School District needs to reprioritize resource allocation starting in the 2023-2024 school year. All components of our services and operations will be reviewed for consideration of cost-savings.

The principles outlined below will be used to guide decision-making.

Prioritize Lynden School District's Mission and Vision

- **Mission**: All students graduate college, career, and citizenship ready.
- **Vision**: High quality instruction and learning for every child, every day, in every classroom.

- Focus on additional operational efficiencies

- Reduce/delay implementing non-employee related costs first; what can we cut/hold off in curriculum, travel, optional PD, furniture, equipment

- Encourage enrollment and pursue additional revenue sources- legislature, grants, etc.

- Consider what makes the greatest impact to students, particularly those who had the highest needs

- Honor both the law and negotiated agreements

- Prioritize expenditure of categorical funds in alignment to the intent and objectives of the program (categorical) funding

- Compare state staffing allocation levels to the number of positions we currently maintain with local levy dollars; move toward greater alignment with the state prototypical funding model