



STANWOOD-CAMANO  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Currents

*A Report to the Community*

**FALL/WINTER 2022**



## COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

### OUR PROMISE

Every student in the Stanwood-Camano School District is **empowered to learn** in an inclusive setting and is **prepared for the future** of their choice.

### Snapshot of the school year so far

- ▶ We remain dedicated to ensuring our actions align with our Educational Equity Policy | [PAGE 3](#)
- ▶ Enrollment is up and predicted to keep rising. In order to best plan for this continued growth, a community group is working toward a recommendation for the best path forward | [PAGE 4](#)
- ▶ Test scores are trending in the right direction and above the state average, but not back to prepandemic levels | [PAGE 2](#)
- ▶ We are building more connections with organizations throughout the community to better help our students | [PAGE 3](#)



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# MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT

When asked what it means to be a school board director, I often reply that I think about it in terms of professional sports.

The school board could be compared to the owner of the Seahawks. The superintendent is our Pete Carroll, and teachers and staff are our players. Everyone has a job to do within the organization and is trusted to use their expertise. The school board sets the goals and expectations of the organization and then the superintendent determines how to make it happen.

Likewise, the board's role is to set policy according to state and federal law, approve hiring decisions, monitor the budget, communicate with our lawmakers on behalf of our schools, and hire the superintendent.

School board directors are elected to four-year terms and do not receive compensation. As representatives of a government entity, we must abide by the rules of the Open Public Meetings Act, and everything we do is a public record. We have no "power" as individuals and can only make

decisions as a group.

Our goals this year include implementation of our new strategic plan, determining budget priorities, ensuring that our staff have the tools they need to support our students' social, emotional, and academic needs post-COVID, and looking at all our programs through the lens of equity.

It is important to the board that students with disabilities are receiving their education alongside their peers. It is important that students needing extra help, as well as students needing to be

challenged, receive what they need to be successful. All students should be given the opportunity to participate in extracurriculars and we want to remove barriers so that this can happen.

As a school board, we are always listening. Our meetings are open to the public and the agendas, as well as our contact information, can be found on the district website. We have recently held a series of "Chat with the Board" events for any community member to come and discuss what's on their mind and will schedule more of these in the future.

**Natalie Hagglund**

Stanwood-Camano School  
Board member

## SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Natalie Hagglund**

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**Ken Christoferson**

**Charlotte Murry**

**Al Schreiber**

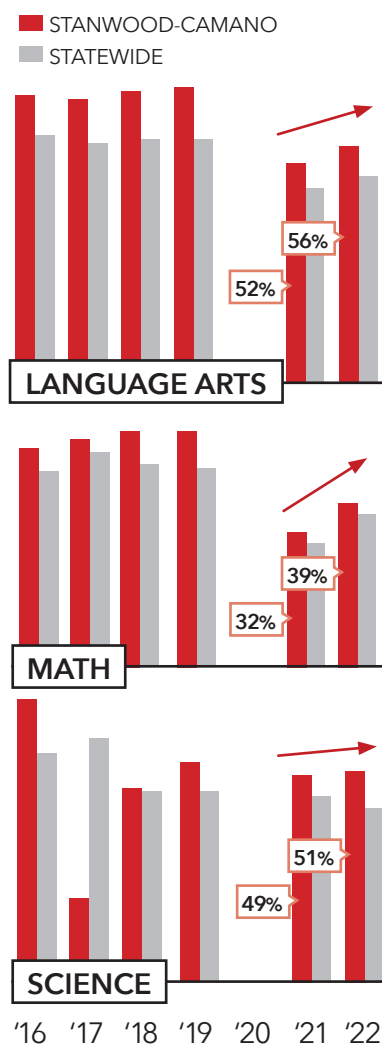
In addition to regular public meetings, the school board offers "Chat with the Board" events throughout the year that allow them to gain more insight and perspectives from community conversations! Learn how to participate at [stanwood.wednet.edu/school\\_board](https://stanwood.wednet.edu/school_board)

## TEST SCORES BOUNCING BACK

State test scores fell in nearly every state when the pandemic disrupted daily life. Recent scores show our students closing the learning gap and posting results above the state averages.

There is still work to be done, however.

That's why the district has put an emphasis on using data to pinpoint where students need help and deploying a wide range of strategies to intervene as quickly and as efficiently as possible to help students in whatever area is of concern – everything from academics to social-emotional learning.



## FACILITIES UPDATE

Crews recently completed a full reroof – and some unanticipated structure replacement – at Port Susan Middle School (pictured below). This important work plays an essential role in prolonging the building's life and avoiding costly future repairs.

However, since voters rejected the replacement Technology & Facilities levy attempts earlier this year, other crucial projects are paused or delayed, including adding fencing to secure portables at Cedarhome Elementary, and other roofing replacements and equipment upgrades.

If future projects are deemed necessary, dollars will have to be found elsewhere.





# WE'RE CONTINUING TO STRENGTHEN OUR PARTNERSHIPS



Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little; together, we can do so much." This truth is vital as we work to build upon connections between our schools and the community.

We are proud to partner with the Stanwood-Camano YMCA on a number of initiatives, from before-and-after school child care to providing free swim lessons to all third-graders in our

district through the Make A Splash program.

We also are actively working with other local nonprofit organizations, such as The Community Resource Center and the Stanwood Camano Arts Advocacy Commission, to create programs and opportunities for our students and the community to come together all year long.

For more about our community connections, such as volunteering, citizen committees and other partnerships, please visit [stanwood.wednet.edu/community](http://stanwood.wednet.edu/community)



DR. DEBORAH RUMBAUGH

## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Our promise is that **every student** in the Stanwood-Camano School District is empowered to learn in an inclusive setting and is prepared for the future of their choice.

We take this commitment seriously.

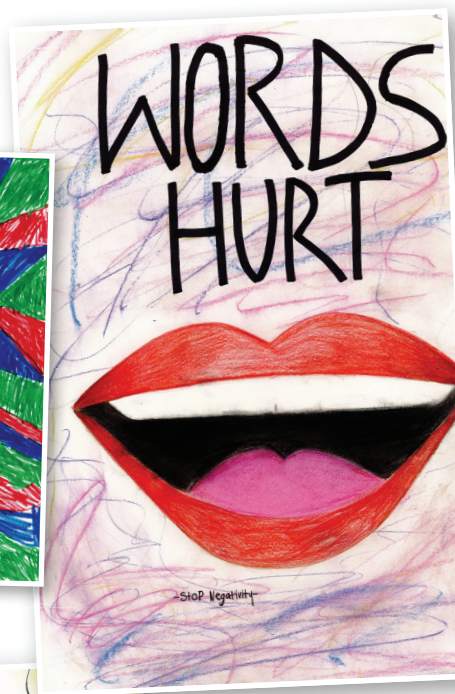
It drives everything we do – from our staff training to student learning. It also centers us as we fight racism and inequality.

We value an inclusive, diverse and equitable learning environment where all students and staff know they belong.

This mission has been underway for some time now. The district adopted an Educational Equity Policy last school year to educate students and staff, collect and analyze data, and adapt and plan further advancements.

We will continue to take the necessary steps to combat racism and build a hate-free school community. We remain committed to our promise to serve **every student**.

Respectfully,  
Dr. Deborah Rumbaugh



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### School boundaries being discussed

The community-led Capital Facilities Advisory Committee (CFAC) has been hard at work so far this school year meeting to look at how we can best use, maintain and develop our facilities.

This year, one of the top questions is how to address overcrowding at several elementary schools. In partnership with CFAC, we may be adjusting our school boundaries in the future to accommodate forecast growth at the elementary level.

No changes will take place in the current school year. CFAC is in the early stages of making recommendations to address this issue.

See the data, learn more and follow along as the process unfolds at [stanwood.wednet.edu/community](http://stanwood.wednet.edu/community)



### **SHARE YOUR OPINIONS!**

A communitywide survey is now open to everyone. We want your opinion, view and ideas on enrollment and school boundary issues. Please take a minute to participate at by clicking the CFAC link at [stanwood.wednet.edu/community](http://stanwood.wednet.edu/community) or through links on our social media!

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