**Tuesday, November 4 at 4:30pm ESC Room 200**

The **Graduation Requirements Advisory Committee** will present their final report to the board.

**Procedure 3420: Anaphylaxis Prevention and Response** will be discussed. As always, you can make public comment at the board meeting on issues of concern or you can email the board at board@bsd405.org.

SCHOOL BOARD

**School Safety**

In light of the tragedy at Marysville Pilchuck High School, BSD has provided some resources [here](http://www.bsd405.org/safety.aspx). Additionally, the following resources from the National Association of School Psychologists may be helpful:

1. [Talking to Children about Violence: Tips for parents and teachers](http://www.nasponline.org/resources/crisis_safety/talkingviolence.pdf)

(This publication is also available in [Spanish](http://www.nasponline.org/resources/crisis_safety/talkingviolence_spanish.pdf), [Vietnamese](http://www.nasponline.org/resources/crisis_safety/Talking_to_Children_About_Violence_Vietnamese.pdf), and [Korean](http://www.nasponline.org/resources/crisis_safety/talkingviolence_korean.pdf))

1. [Coping with Crisis: Tips for Educators and Parents](http://www.nasponline.org/resources/crisis_safety/terror_general.aspx)
2. [Coping with Crisis: Helping Children with Special Needs](http://www.nasponline.org/resources/crisis_safety/specpop_general.aspx)

**Smart Snacks**

The National PTA has released a new guide to Smart Snacks. Find it [here.](http://www.pta.org/files/Advocacy/FINAL_SMARTSNACKS_ImpGuide_Web.pdf)

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**Middle School Social and Emotional Learning Curriculum Adoption Committee**

The purpose of the Middle School Social Emotional Learning Adoption Committee (Grades 6-8) is to select curriculum materials to recommend to the Bellevue School Board for adoption. Parents involvement is needed. Applications are due by November 7, 2014. For more information [click here.](http://www.bsd405.org/community-engagement/advisory-committees/middle-school-social-emotional-learning.aspx)

**High School Start Time Steering Committee**

The High School Start Time Steering Committee is being created to explore possible implications of changing start times, including the impact on academics, athletics, activities and various before and after school commitments. Applications are due by November 7, 2014. For more information [click here.](http://www.bsd405.org/community-engagement/advisory-committees/high-school-start-time.aspx)

OPPORTUNITIES

The 36th Annual WSPTA Legislative Assembly and Advocacy Training was held 10/23 and 10/24 in Vancouver, Washington.  The **Top 5** Priority Platform issues for the **2015-2016 legislative session are:**

1. Funding McCleary
2. Create Positive School Climates Through Social Emotional Learning
3. Increasing Capital Funding
4. Increased Access to Higher Education
5. Breakfast After the Bell

**Also supported (listed alphabetically):**

* Access, Equity & Opportunity for Students with Disabilities and Special Needs
* Closing Opportunity Gaps
* Equal Access for ELL Students
* Family and Community Engagement
* Inclusive Special Education
* Increase Playground Safety
* Investing in Teacher Professional Learning
* Regulating Child Restraint and Isolation in Schools

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**Gifted Advisory Committee**

The purpose of the Gifted Advisory Committee is to provide input, recommendations, and feedback that align with the district mission and goals for all Gifted Programs offered in the Bellevue School District. Applications are due by November 21, 2014. For more information [click here.](http://www.bsd405.org/community-engagement/advisory-committees/gifted-advisory-committee.aspx)

**BSD Special Education Department Community Education Series**

***Keep Calm and Carry On: Supporting School-Based Anxiety***

Kjersti Bronstein, Child Psychiatrist and Stacy Shaw Welch, PhD, Co-Director, from the Evidence Based Treatment Center of Seattle will present on strategies to help support students and families with school based anxiety.

Bellevue High School Library November 6th at 5:30pm - 7:30pm 10416 Wolverine Way

**Interested in learning more about** **education funding**? The League of Education Voters is hosting a webinar series in November. Find more information about how to participate [here](http://educationvoters.org/get-involved/lunchtime-levinars/).

**SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, December 3 at 6:30pm**

The Bellevue PTSA Council will be hosting a legislative issues forum with our newly elected representatives. More details to come…

**SAVE THE DATE: Washington State PTA Focus Day will be Monday, January 19 2015**