



TO: Human Services Commission

FM: Helena Stephens, City of Bellevue – Wrap-Around Services Project

RE: Presentation

DA: May 13, 2008

Thank you for the opportunity for members of the Wrap-Around Services Team to update the Human Services Commission on the current status of the Wrap-Around Services Project at Lake Hills Elementary School. Wrap-Around Services is at an exciting juncture and the presentation will focus on the Wrap-Around Services Evaluation Report and proposed next steps for the program.

Some of the key findings in Wrap-Around Services first three years reflects:

- Kindergarten students are coming to school better prepared each year since the Wrap-Around Services Project started;
- WASL scores are increasing in math, reading, and writing, showing that more children are achieving WASL standards; though more work remains to be done to help those children who have not reached this goal;
- Families' participation in their children's education is high with 70-80% of families visiting the school at least occasionally; and the majority reporting feeling welcome and involved in the school;
- Many parents accessed resources via the Family Connection Center, dental van and referrals to on and off site services;
- The Lake Hills Elementary facility is widely utilized by community organizations; and
- Involvement of community members is strong, underscoring the positive view of the school and Wrap-Around Services Project model held by diverse constituencies

The Evaluation Report has recommended several next steps for Wrap-Around Services, including continuing "...to Fund the Wrap-Around Services Project".

"The Wrap-Around Services Project deserves to be sustained. The progress to date is significant, underscoring the benefits of increasing parent and community involvement and of involving children in after school programming." – Wrap-Around Service Evaluation Report – November 2007

We are pleased that the Wrap-Around Services Project has demonstrated itself to be a successful school/community model. It has been effective in assisting children and families in need. We look forward to sharing, with the Commission, the work of Wrap-Around Services as the project grows in the Bellevue area.