As Superintendent of Arlington Public Schools as well as a member of the Board for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County, I strongly urge your support for the expansion project of the Arlington Boys & Girls Club! It is much needed, the time is now, and our kids and families so deserve our support. Boys & Girls Clubs play a critical role in ensuring kids are positive and productive citizens. The Mission: To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

The Arlington Boys & Girls Club is an essential partner with the School District. The Club currently has almost 2,000 members – that’s 37% of our school district population. They provide a safe, supportive and enriching environment for kids each and every day. The help they provide with homework is also so important. The staff and volunteers serve as role models and mentors and make such a difference in the lives of these students.

Our local club was built in 1992. It has served our Community for many years. Our community has grown tremendously these past years and so has the demand for adequate space to serve our young people. The proposed renovation and expansion would include an additional gym to accommodate the growing number of kids and programs; a much-needed teen center; a technology center and a much-improved community center.

Being excellent stewards of our community’s resources is essential. The Boys & Girls Club has demonstrated that they indeed have earned our trust. As a member of the Board, I have the opportunity to review the financial status of the clubs throughout the County. Our Arlington Club is an exemplar. They work hard, make every dollar count and have proven to be an excellent return on investment.

When we think about community assets and what makes us strong, the Boys & Girls Club is part of the core. When you think about how you can make a difference for kids in our community, think about supporting the renovation and expansion project of our local club – helping our kids “reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens” will make you glad you did.

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