



Everett High School

"School of Champions"

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Mission

To inspire, educate and prepare every student to be career and college ready.

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Assistant Principal

Dear Everett High School community,

It is with great humility and joy that I accept the principalship at Everett High School. I was part of this family for two years until my own son's health caused me to have to leave the west coast. I returned in 2017 and have since been serving as principal of Madison Elementary. I have also been a high school chemistry teacher, a dean of discipline at a high school, and an assistant principal of a middle school. I have 20 years of experience working in service of students. Mr. Balla has been a wonderful Principal for staff and students. I know that the staff and students are so thankful for their years with him. We wish him well at Jackson High School. I look forward to continuing the great work that Mr. Balla has done with you all. Also, as you may know, Doug Plucker is leaving to serve the Snohomish School District and we wish him luck. It is my pleasure to announce his replacement will be Alejandro Vergaras. Mr. Vergaras comes to us from the Othello district and has diverse experience as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal. A more detailed bio for him will be sent soon.

Professionally, I am passionate about so many things! Teacher collaboration, FUN, high expectations for student **and** staff, and equity are my priorities. Addressing racist procedures and policies in schools is a longstanding practice of mine and I strive to make sure **each** student under my care receives equitable access to learning, community/extracurricular activities, and socio-emotional support.

Everett High School is a special place. The diversity, history, traditions and achievement weave a rich fabric that wraps around the entire community. But this community has experienced an unprecedented year that includes change, trauma, and uncertainty about the future. COVID coupled with the continued murder of people of color have rocked our country to the core, and we have much learning and healing to do together.

It is important that we work together through this transition in leadership. I will be holding a community meet and greet on Tuesday, June 23rd at 6 pm. Zoom details are included in this email. If this date doesn't work for you, don't worry. I will host a series of listening sessions over the summer so that you have the chance to ask me questions and we can start to build positive relationships.

Thank you so much for this opportunity. I am honored to serve as your advocate, your colleague, and your principal. I take my responsibility to my school community very seriously. **You matter.**

Yours in education,
Amanda M. Overly