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Chris Reykdal, State Superintendent

OSSI's monthly newsletter provides accessible resources and connects readers to best practices at the state, regional, and local level that are improving student outcomes. Do you have a story to share? [Let us know](#) about it!

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## In Case You Missed it: Special Messages from Superintendent Reykdal



May 25th, Superintendent Reykdal Explores Health Models & Discusses Fall Reopening Workgroup

## Hope As A Light In The Darkness During Transitions



*By Chan Hellman, PhD, Professor at University of Oklahoma, Director of Hope Research Center, Author – Hope Rising: How The Science of Hope Can Change Your Life*

Hope is the belief that our future can be better than our past, and that we have a role to play in making that future a reality. This positive expectation of the future is grounded in three simple elements: Goals, Pathways, and Willpower. *Goals* are the cornerstone of our ability to hope. Goals can be both short-term or long-term. However, goals must be desired enough to motivate action. The nature of the goals we set drive the way we think about both pathways and willpower. *Pathways* thinking refers to the ability to identify strategies or plans on how to achieve our goals. The hopeful child is able to identify multiple pathways to the goal and can effectively identify alternative pathways or solutions to

potential barriers. *Willpower (Agency)* thinking refers to the mental energy we deploy toward our goal pursuits. The hopeful child has the agency to self-regulate their thoughts, behaviors, and emotions when selecting and pursuing their desired goals. It is important to recognize that hope is a way of thinking and not an emotion. Because hope is a way of thinking about our future, it can be taught and learned.

**Hope is About Action:** Think about how often we use the word hope in our everyday use. I **hope** it doesn't rain today. I **hope** you are [CONTINUE READING](#)

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## OSPI's COVID-19 Guidance and Resources page



[Check out OSPI's most up-to-date resources for educators, parents, students, and seniors.](#)

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## Celebrating the Class of 2020!

**Honoring the graduating class of 2020** has never been more challenging or more important. Thank you for all the time, thought and care high schools and communities have put into making this a special time for seniors. We would like to share what a few of Washington's high schools are doing to make this a special time for graduates.

**Evergreen Public Schools** of Vancouver are partnering with a local television station to live stream graduation ceremonies. KATU, the Portland ABC affiliate, will produce three different shows to honor the class of 2020. Many of Evergreen's high schools will feature individual students and accomplishments on Facebook. Area Faith-based partners have come together to produce a virtual Baccalaureate. In person ceremonies for late summer/early fall are in the planning stage.

**Marysville School District:** Marysville Graduates visited their schools individually while wearing caps and gowns where photos and video were taken for an online graduation ceremony that's expected to happen at a later date.

**Auburn Mountainview:** On Saturday June 13th, Auburn Mountainview High School will honor the class of 2020. Each graduating senior will be allowed to individually walk down the main hallway in their cap and gown to pomp and circumstance blasting. As they exit the building, a stage and photographer will be waiting for them to grab their diploma and a picture. Their family car will be waiting for them and the roped off, socially distanced staff, will be roaring with praise and drying tears as they drive off. The event will likely take about 3 hours, and the AMHS staff could not be more excited to share in this celebration.

**Ferris High School:** Ferris High School knows memories are an important part of a senior year. Principal Ken Schutz supervised the placing of signs in the yards of all 450 graduating seniors. They will have a virtual awards assembly through Zoom and Graduation will be a video-taped drive-through ceremony where the family will drive up to an outside stage. As a memento each graduate will be given a face mask with the Saxons school logo printed on it.



Art Teacher Tom Pettoello and Carol McQuaid are creating memories on Spokane football fields one at a time. Pettoello and McQuaid are spray painting the names of every senior below their School logo in foot high letters. [Read the story in the Spokesman Review](#)

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## Spotlight on School Climate: “Families are critical partners” Continuous Learning 2020



Ending the school year in a way that honors and celebrates the transitions, hard work and incredible flexibility of families and students will help maintain positive relationships.

Here are a few resources to help end the year on a positive note and support families over the summer:

**Listen and be inspired!**

[“Ending the School Year Virtually and Crisis Classroom Closeout Tips”](#)

**Share with your community!**

[Ending the School Year at Home: Tips for Families to support the transition during COVID-19](#)

[Raising Caring Kids: A Guide to SEL at Home \(in English and Spanish\)](#)

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## Watch Now: DOH's You Can Get Through This



The COVID-19 crisis has changed so much in our lives—but there’s nothing you can’t handle. Through it all, you can take care of yourself. Keep connecting with the people who matter—even if you’re apart. Find ways to unwind and relax. And if you need it, you can ask for help.

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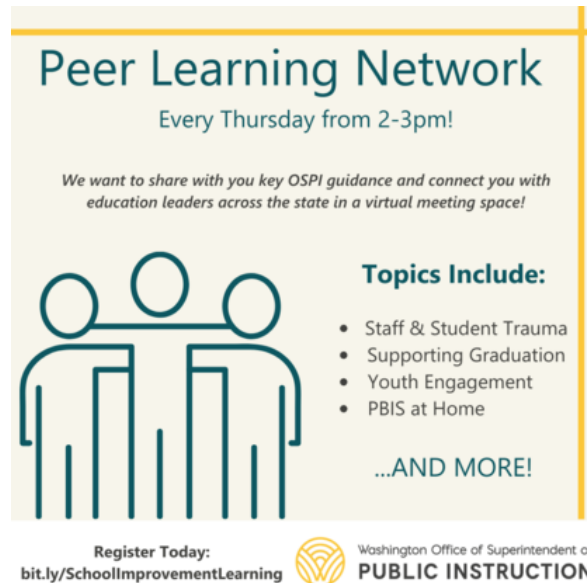
## Tech Check: Learning in a Virtual World



[Mayer's 12 Principals of Multimedia Learning](#)

[Shifting Our Schools Podcasts: with Jeff Utecht](#)

## Sign up Now:



**Peer Learning Network**  
Every Thursday from 2-3pm!

*We want to share with you key OSPI guidance and connect you with education leaders across the state in a virtual meeting space!*

**Topics Include:**

- Staff & Student Trauma
- Supporting Graduation
- Youth Engagement
- PBIS at Home

...AND MORE!

Register Today:  
[bit.ly/SchoolImprovementLearning](https://bit.ly/SchoolImprovementLearning)

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**June 4: The Power of Language to Promote & Support Equity with OSPI's Timmie Foster**

**June 11: Youth Engagement with Greg Williamson and Tacoma School District.**

### June GATE Equity Webinars

Join us for the final GATE Equity Webinars of the 2019-2020 series!

June 10, 2020 10am and 3pm

101: Connecting & Building Data & Systems

201: Preparing for Next Year: Using the Past to Make Sense of the Future

Presenters: Chuck Salina, Suzann Girtz, Sunnyside & Kennewick School District Staff

### Register for Webinars & 3 Free Clock Hours

1. Register for morning sessions: [GATE Equity Webinar 101](#)
2. Register for afternoon sessions: [GATE Equity Webinar 201](#)
3. Register monthly for your 3 Free Clock Hours on pdEnroller.
4. Do the pre-reading assignment:
  - Watch the [Powerless to Powerful Video](#)
  - Complete the Pre-reading questions (forthcoming)
  - Attend BOTH webinar sessions live. OSPI will verify attendance within a few days of the webinar. This will generate an email to you from pdEnroller to complete an evaluation.
  - Complete the PDEnroller Evaluation online. Clock hours will be awarded when you have completed the evaluation.



## Behavioral Health Partnership

OSPI is working with the State Auditors Office (SAO) on their audit of supports for student behavioral health and communicating to schools and districts about upcoming surveys being sent to district superintendents and selected school principals. SAO is collaborating with WASA, AWSP and AESD to promote the survey.

### A Message from the State Auditor Office (SAO)

The Office of the Washington State Auditor recently invited all district superintendents and a sample of school principals to participate in a survey. Our views as educators who work most closely with students are vital to provide the clearest picture of what the needs and gaps are around student behavioral health. If you haven't already, please complete the survey as soon as possible. Thank you for your participation!

### Questions? Contact Lisa Webber:

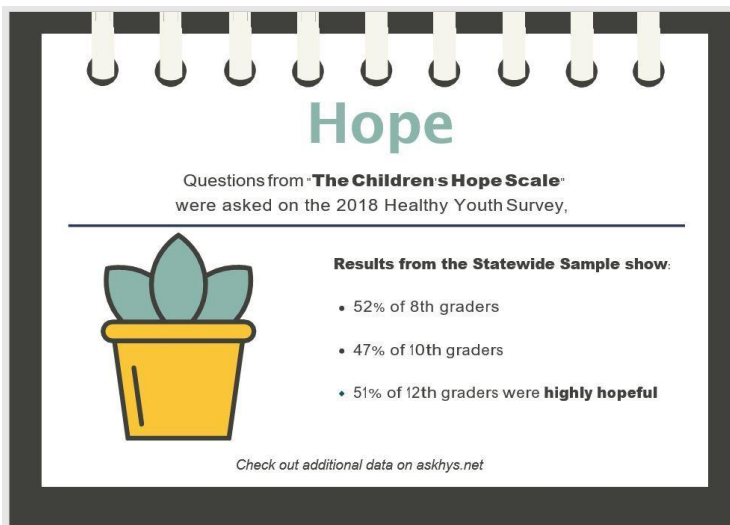


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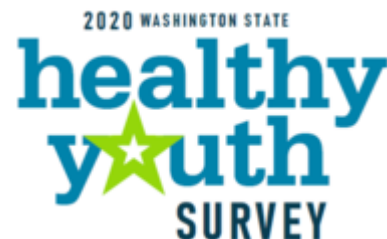
[Link to Healthy Youth Survey questions related to Hope](#)



## HYS Registration Now Open

Registration for 2020 Healthy Youth Survey is now open! Register on [askhys.net](http://askhys.net)

- [Log in](#) using your EDS credentials, then click on **2020 Survey Process** select **Register a School** in the drop down menu and follow the prompts.
- The survey will be administered in October of 2020, but we are asking all schools to register by **June 30<sup>th</sup>** so we can plan accordingly.



If unforeseeable events prevent the survey from being administered in October of 2020, it will be administered in the Fall of 2021.

If you have any questions, email Emily Maughan; [Emily.Maughan@k12.wa.us](mailto:Emily.Maughan@k12.wa.us).



## Get Personalized Support From Our Team!

### Check out Our On-Demand Webinars!

[April GATE Equity Webinar 101: High School and Beyond Planning](#)

[April GATE Equity Webinar 201: Collaborating for Student Success: Alignment of High School and Beyond Planning and IEP's](#)

[March GATE Equity Webinar 101: Implementing & Sustaining Inclusionary Practices](#)

[March GATE Equity Webinar 201: Master Scheduling for Inclusionary Practices](#)



### ALL STUDENTS PREPARED FOR POST-SECONDARY PATHWAYS, CAREERS, AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

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