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AESD 2021 Membership Meeting  
*Reconnect & Recharge*

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AESD Updates  
April 14, 2021



# AESD Network Updates

## Reflecting back to 2019...

- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrated
- AESD Strategic Plan Goals adopted
- New executive director hired
- Lots of opportunities ahead



# AESD Strategic Plan: 2018 – 2021

**Mission:** To ensure equity and excellence in education through effective services delivered statewide.

**Vision:** To inspire and foster equity, opportunity, and results through meaningful support of all school districts

## Goals:

1. **Strategic Relationships:** To grow a sustainable future through strategic relationships
2. **Grow the Network:** To provide seamless and nimble services.
3. **Tell our Story:** ESDs are an integral and valuable part of the education ecosystem in Washington State

## *Our Values*



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# Network Initiative Updates: Strategic Relationships

- Legislative Advocacy & Relationships
- AESD legislative strategy & roles refined, communicated
- Legislative priority talking points, 1-pagers
- Increased “asks” and “wins” for AESD engagement in legislative issues
- Expanding partnerships across multiple state agencies and associations
  - Early Learning, DCYF
  - Health Care Authority
- Statewide COVID Response Coordination
  - Increased regional networking
    - Multiple opportunities each week in every region for districts to stay connected
  - Statewide services mapping and response
    - Child care & nutrition services mapping (early on)
    - Learning device distribution (with Gov’s office)
    - PPE procurement / distribution
  - Statewide coordination/collaboration with OSPI and other K12 leadership associations
    - 25 statewide OSPI webinars since 3/26/2020
    - 2+ statewide district networking events in partnership with WASA
  - Statewide distance learning professional development
    - Shifting Schools / ReImagine WAEd partnership
    - LMS Solutions
- Tribal relationships engaged & strengthened

# Strategic Relationship Example:

## *Statewide PPE Procurement & Distribution*

- 2 rounds of procurement facilitated by ESD 112 team and supported by all 9 ESDs
- Deliveries to over 400 school districts, public charters, tribal compact schools, and private schools
- Receipt & distribution of multiple donations statewide
- PPE “by the numbers”
  - Face Coverings: 19 million
  - Sanitizing Wipes: 750k packages (840,000 lbs)
  - Gloves: 120k boxes
  - Gowns: 250k
  - Hand Sanitizer: 80k gallons
  - Over 250k miles driven for deliveries
  - Approx. \$8M in total PPE purchased
    - *1st round saved school districts 75% of actual costs*



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# Strategic Relationship Example:

## *Tribal relationships strengthened*

- Partnership with OSPI and their office of Native Education
  - With new Executive Director of Native Education, Jon Claymore
  - Close collaboration to engage Tribal Leaders and Elders
- ESD capacity building
  - Participation in UW Native Education Certification 2-year program
- ESDs to support native educator recruitment and retention efforts (HB 1139)
  - 3 ESDs (114, 123, 1 partnering with OSPI and Tribal Leaders to explore growing the native educator workforce



# Network Initiative Updates: Grow the Network

- \$43 M+ to ESDs for statewide initiatives in collaboration with OSPI (*Annually*)
  - Over 15 formal statewide initiatives including Regional Safety Centers, Career Connected Learning, Content Area Prof. Dev., Student Behavioral and Mental Health Supports, and more!
- \$2.7 M to ESDs for Inclusionary Practices Professional Learning System (**New**)
- Region 16 Comprehensive Center (partnership with Oregon & Alaska) (**New**)
  - \$3.2M/year for 5 years to the R16CC
  - WA state's focus: Tribal Education Capacity Building
- COVID Response Statewide Learning Supports (**New**):
  - **Distance learning workshops** (Jeff Utecht/Shifting Schools partnership): Est. \$90k+ (fee for service)
  - **LMS Solutions** : \$2.3M total with funds to support overall AESD coordination (OSPI ESSER I funds)

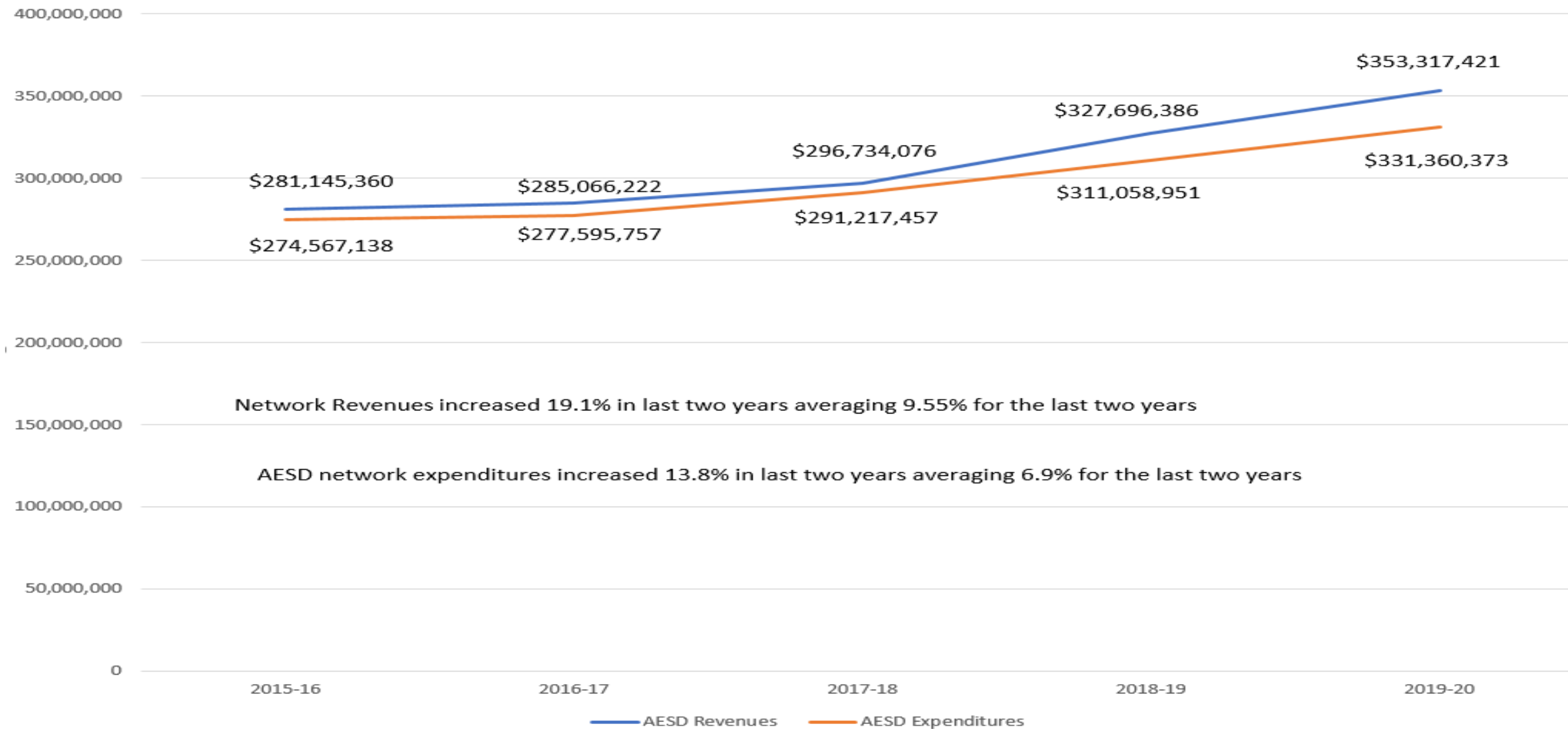
## APPROX. "New" TOTALS in 2019/20:

- To AESD: Approx. \$165,000
- To ESDs: Approx. \$4.4 M



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# AESD Network Growth: 2015 – 2020



# Grow the Network Example: *AESD Distance Learning Statewide Professional Development*

## LMS OLUTIONS

### AESD Learning Management System (LMS) Platform Professional Learning

- **Components:**
  - Selecting an LMS / family & community provider resources for districts
  - LMS 101 basics
  - Deep Dive Sessions focused on connecting to instructional practice
  - Regional Educator Networks
  - Family & community provider materials for districts
- **Participation Snapshot:**
  - **Over 10,000** educators (July – Dec 2020)
  - **298** school districts, state tribal education compact schools, public charters, private schools, higher ed
- **Funding:**
  - \$2.3 M state ESSER funds to ESDs/AESD



### RelImagine WA Ed,

Partnership with Jeff Utecht/Shifting Schools

- **Focus:** Distance learning systems & mindsets, supporting individual student needs through remote instruction
- **Participation Snapshot:**
  - **Over 7,000** total (April 2020– February 2021 sessions)
  - **Over 135** districts, tribal education compact schools, & public charters
- **Revenue to AESD:**
  - Anticipated over \$130k



# Grow the Network Example: *AESD Distance Learning Statewide Professional Development*

## ***Bringing it to Life!***



*I LOVE, LOVE, LOVE all of this... as a counselor, it is amazing the emphasis that is being placed on building relationships & the importance of this.*

*I love how it is NOT "one more thing" but it is the foundation for students to be in the right brain state to **LEARN!!!***

~R. Shelton, NWESD 189



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# *LMS Solutions* Upcoming

- Regional Educator Network Convening – May
  - Over 300 educators statewide participating
- Refreshed LMS 101 sessions and enhanced “deeper dive” continuous learning opportunities – all Spring
- Summer Educator Summit - July



# Grow the Network Example:

## *AESD School Accreditation Services*

- Since 2006 the AESD has grown its school accreditation services
- Highlights:
  - In 2019, 214 secondary schools were AESD Accredited (43.1% of the state)
    - *Lead competitor served 16.5% of schools*
    - *Goal is for AESD to support 50%+ schools in coming year/s*
  - Modeled after school improvement processes and qualitative review of school improvement plans.
  - Schools assigned a coach to support them through the process and submits a recommendation for AESD Accreditation.
  - *Board Members from ESDs across the state are involved as panelists to review and confirm each school's accreditation recommendation and/or status.*
- 2021 “Ask” for ESD Board Member Panelists
  - May 17-18, Western WA schools
  - May 24-25, Eastern WA schools
  - Many slots still open for panelists!
    - *Please contact your ESD Superintendent if you are interested and available.*



# Network Initiative Updates: *Tell our Story*

- More comprehensive / coherent approach to communications planning
- Suite of Network “branded” communications resources (i.e., 1-pagers, promo/marketing materials)
- Network evaluation team engaged to support broader AESD initiatives
- Greater outreach to weave AESD “story” into timely issues/priorities (i.e., COVID response, distance learning supports)



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# **Legislative Update**

Melissa Gombosky



# STATUS CHECK

105 Day Session

March 17 Revenue Forecast Update - \$3.3 B

April 11 last cut-off

Budget negotiations

Sine Die April 25

Governor Bill Signing



# Democratic Majorities

- House 57 to 41
- Speaker Laurie Jinkins
- Senate 28 to 21
- Sen. Andy Billig Majority Leader

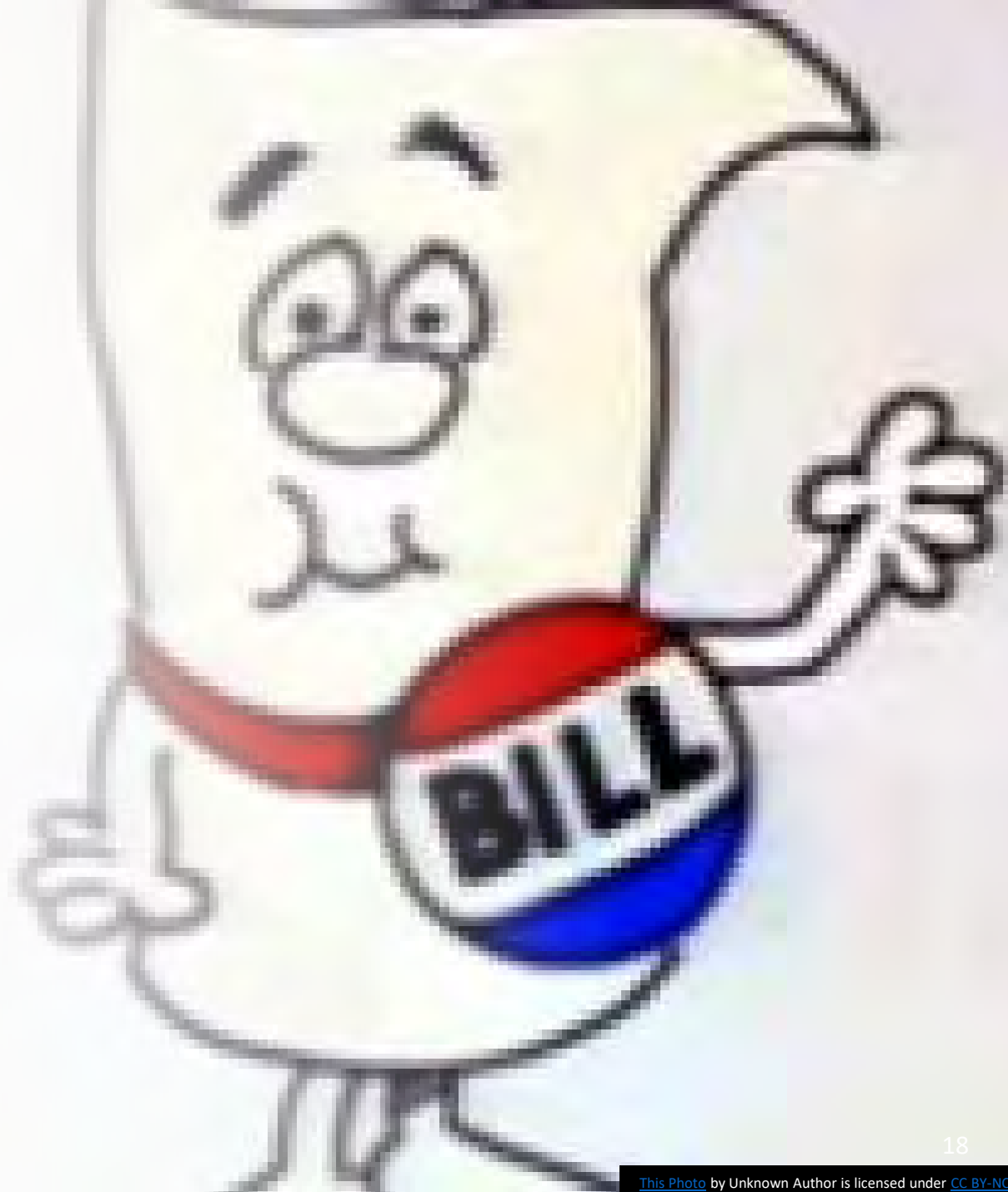


# Legislators Caucus Via Zoom

- Makes communications tricky
- No “hallway” conversations
- Difficult way to negotiate
- Public transparency concerns

## Lawmakers think of ESDs

- SB 5237 Early Start Act for Kids -expands accessible, affordable childcare and **early childhood** development programs.
- HB 1214 –training for **school safety**  
Personal
- HB 1365 -providing students **technological** devices



# AESD Budget Items

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Budget stability

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Early Learning Coordinators

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Safety Positions

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Climate Science

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School Nurse Corps

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Career Connect Learning Coordinators

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Maintenance level funding for ESD positions

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Behavior and Mental Health supports

# AESD Budget Numbers Grow

Legislators value the AESD Network to implement policy ideas

ESDs budget items almost doubled in the past two years

Good news: the legislature trusts ESDs

Challenges: legislator education about the actual cost of programs

It's a good problem to have!

AESD  
Supports  
for School  
Districts

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School Funding Coalition

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School District Enrollment

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Transportation Funding

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Mental Health Supports

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COVID recovery

# Looking ahead to AESD 2022!



**April dates TBD**

**New DAYS:**

- Wednesday
  - 12:00 for new board members
  - 3:00 for all
- Thursday
- Friday
  - 10:00am adjourn





Thank you &  
See you next time!

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