

# King County Promise Scholarship & Support System

March 2019 Update





# Overview

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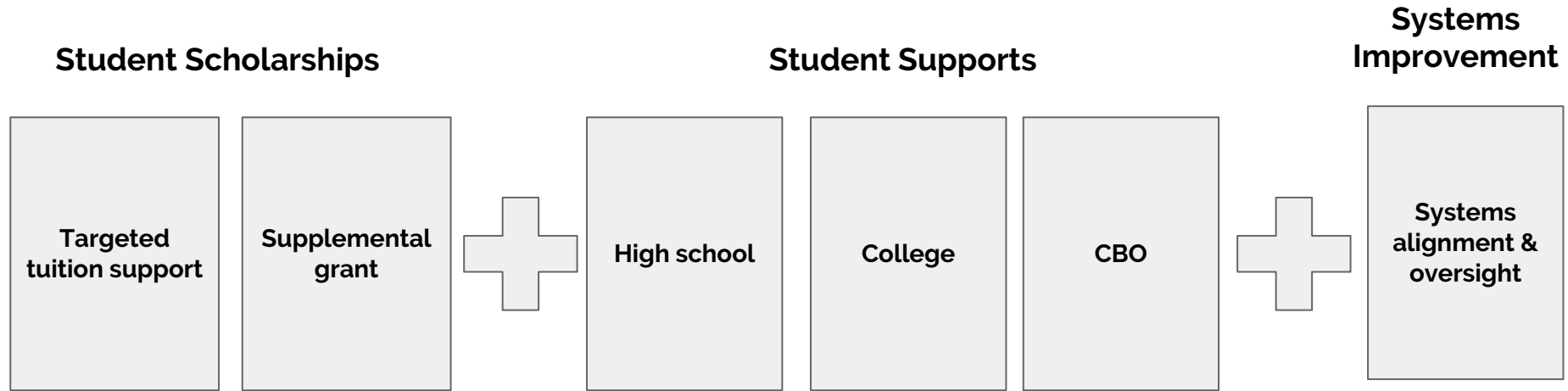
# What is the King County Promise?

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**King County Promise is a comprehensive vision for a more equitable, accessible, and supported postsecondary access & success system for students of color, first generation, and students impacted by poverty.**

# King County Promise: Program Model



- Tuition support available to young people age 26 and under at/below King County MFI
- Supplemental grant available to the lowest income students (young people with zero EFC)
- Supports are targeted to serve historically underserved student groups

# King County Promise: 1) Student Funding

**Student funding for tuition, plus living expenses for those most in need:**

- **Last dollar scholarship to help low-income young people in King County pay college tuition.** Tuition for most low-income students is covered through other sources, however, for students at or below median family income in King County, gaps remain that prevent access and completion. Through the King County Promise, all young people in King County age 26 and under with median family income at or below the King County median would be eligible to receive **up to 2 years of tuition support** at any public 2 or 4 year college in WA State.
- **Supplemental grant of \$1,000/year for non-tuition expenses** to help young people with the greatest financial need cover living and life expenses like housing, childcare and transportation. This grant would be available to young people with the highest financial need, with an expected family financial contribution of zero.

## King County Promise: 2) Student Supports

**Enhance K12 & college navigation support system for historically underserved students:**

- **High-quality navigation and advising services** to help historically underserved students navigate from high school to and through college. The King County Promise would provide resources for **targeted, individualized support at local high schools and colleges** for students who need it the most.
- **Intensive community based supports** to help students get “back on track” to a credential. The King County Promise would provide resources for **community based organizations** that support opportunity youth and other underserved young people in accessing and succeeding in postsecondary education

# King County Promise: 3) Cross Systems Improvement

## **Cross system improvement and alignment efforts, administration & oversight:**

- At its core, King County Promise is a vision for a more **seamless and supportive system of postsecondary education**. Substantial partnership efforts such as a robust K12 college readiness preparation model, ensuring that more students graduate ready for college-level coursework, and enhancements to the college course placement process are lasting changes that could significantly impact access and success for years to come. King County Promise partners are committed to embedding these efforts throughout the implementation of student supports.



# Who would be served through the King County Promise?

	# of students - all King County high schools	# of students enrolled in high schools eligible for support funding	Students in eligible schools as a percentage of countywide subgroup population
Free or reduced price lunch students	26,454	22,968	87%
Migrant students	125	103	82%
Transitional bilingual students	5,989	5,371	90%
Foster youth	TBD	TBD	TBD
Homeless young people	2,953	Unknown	Unknown
Special education students	10,251	6,339	62%
Section 504 students	4,714	2,604	55%
Non-White students	62,601	47,073	75%
Black or African American students	7,775	6,773	87%
Hispanic/Latino students	14,003	11,183	80%

High  
school

\$11.8  
million

College

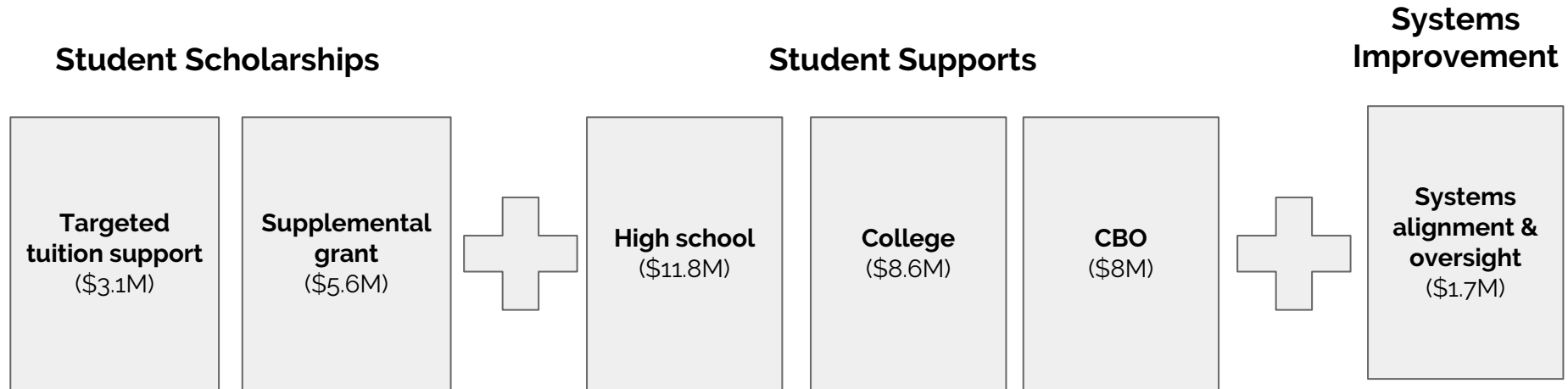
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*Students would be enrolled at a total of **54 high schools across 13 districts***

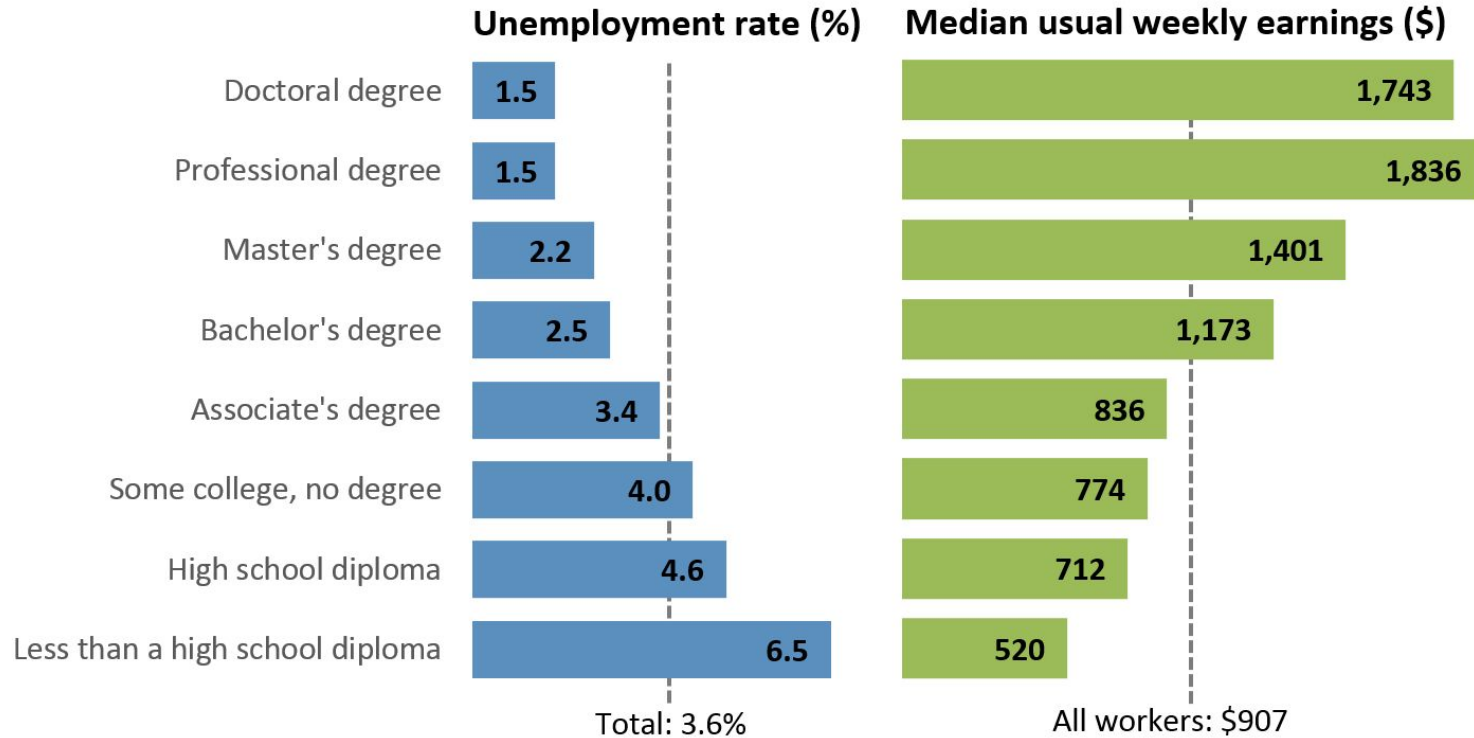
# King County Promise: Current Budget Estimates Per Year



# Why a regional promise scholarship and support system?

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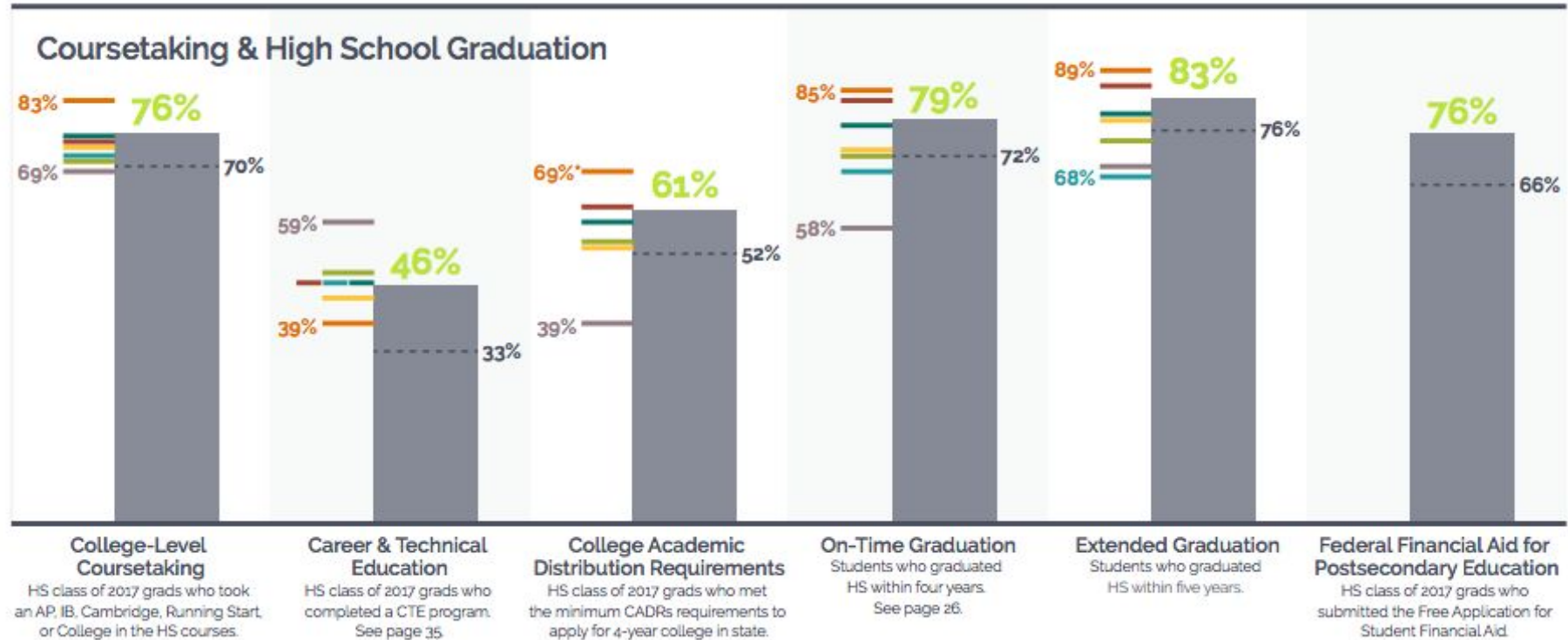
# Unemployment rates and earnings by educational attainment, 2017



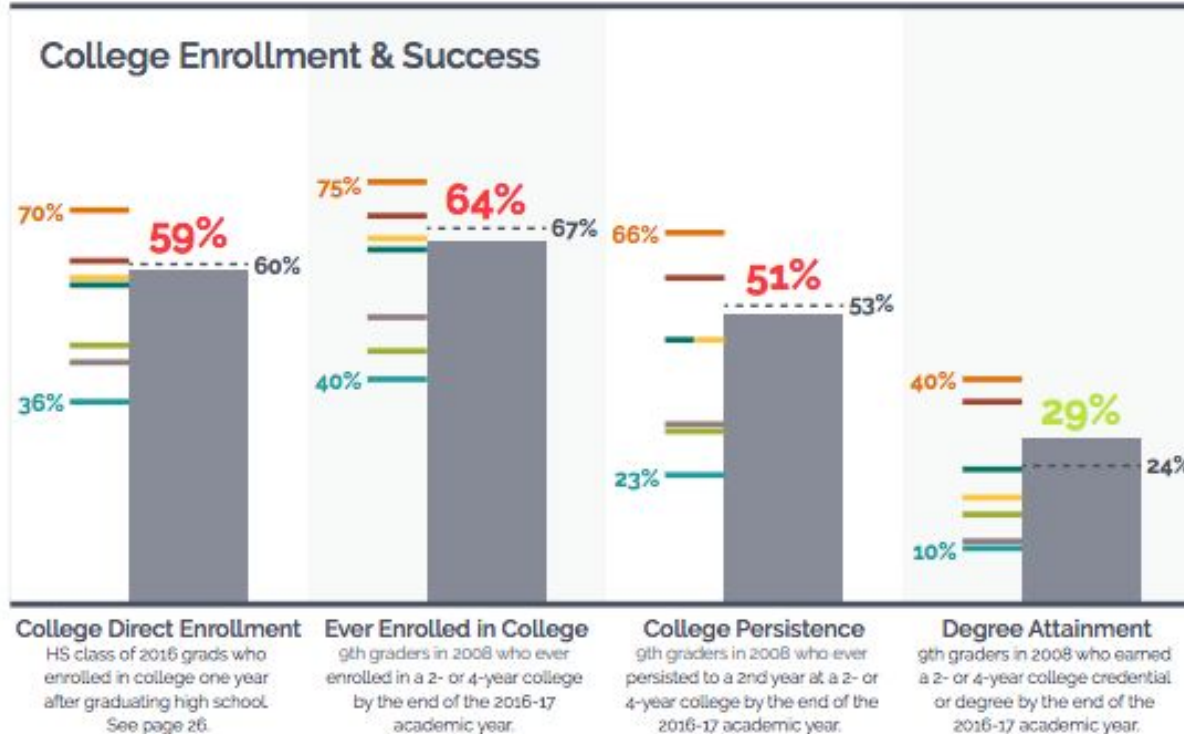
Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

While there is still work to do, college readiness is a “bright spot” in the Road Map region...



...but college enrollment, persistence and completion trends remain low



Only 64% of students in our region enroll in college

Only 29% complete a credential within six years of HS graduation

Unacceptable opportunity gaps by race/ethnicity

We are focused on increasing credential attainment & closing opportunity gaps

## By 2020...

**increase equitable policies and practices** in our education systems and dramatically improve outcomes for children and youth, from cradle through college and career

## By 2030...

**eliminate the opportunity and achievement gaps** impacting students of color and low-income children in South King County and South Seattle, and **70 percent of the region's youth will earn a college degree or career credential.**

# Insights from local students

“My school didn’t have any services. My friend went to another high school and I crashed their college visit because we didn’t have things like that at my school.”

“[A strong college advisor] left and now we have someone who isn’t supportive or connected or familiar with our challenges as first generation students of color. The advisor is critical - but they also don’t stay.”

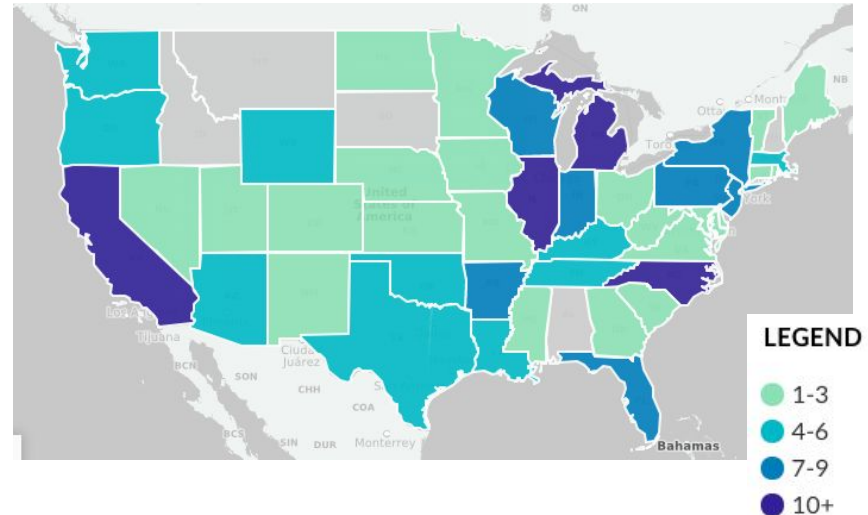
“I’m not low income, but I can’t afford college.”





# **“Promise” programs: a big idea to improve college access and success**

- Over 240 college promise programs nationally with growing evidence of positive, sustained impact on college enrollment and completion
- Strongest models pair scholarship with high quality student supports



# Why Now?

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# Promises - Decoded



**Seattle Promise:** Approved by Seattle voters in fall 2018; provides 2 years, tuition free at any Seattle College to Seattle Public Schools graduates - **tuition + equity scholarship + navigation supports for Seattle high school students directly enrolling into Seattle Colleges**

**Washington Promise:** Gov. Inslee's Promise proposal, proposed as part of state 2019 - 2021 budget; would fully fund State Need Grant- **tuition for students at/below state median income**

**King County Promise:** Comprehensive model that provides **tuition for students at/below King County median income + , navigation supports and cross systems improvement**

In November 2018,  
69% of Seattle voters  
cast ballots to approve  
the Seattle Families,  
Education, Preschool  
and Promise levy

**We believe this  
promise should go  
beyond the Seattle  
City limit**

#### Education Lab

### Seattle high-school graduates will get 2 free years of community college. Here's how it will work.



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Students walk between classes at North Seattle College. It is one of three campuses that students will be able to choose from under a new program giving free tuition to high-school graduates. (Steve Ringman / The Seattle Times)



## **PSTAA: a new local funding opportunity**

- \$518 million in new funding across King, Snohomish and Pierce counties
- King County Council has signaled intent to invest in a limited number of big ideas in early learning, K-12 and postsecondary
- More information on the county's funding approach expected in the spring

# What work has already been done & what's next?

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# The proposal has been shaped by a wide range of K-12, postsecondary and community partners in the region



Road Map  
Project



SEATTLE COLLEGES  
Central • North • South • SVI



RENTON  
TECHNICAL  
COLLEGE®



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## King County Promise has covered a lot of ground, and still have much work to do



**Conduct background research** (studies of promise programs, student and parent focus groups)



**Facilitate dialogue with key stakeholders** (K-12, postsecondary, CBOs, government, business community)



**Create a report** including a summary of program model and recommendations for King County Council

**Disseminate findings and secure support** from K-12 and postsecondary leadership as well as King County Council and prospective funders

*Current phase*



# King County Listening Sessions

## Bellevue Listening Session

**Thursday, April 4, 2019**

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Community listening session hosted by India Association of Western Washington  
North Bellevue Community Center, Room A  
4063 148th Ave NE  
Bellevue, WA

## Seattle Listening Session

**Monday, April 15, 2019**

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Community listening session hosted by Treehouse, Mockingbird Society, Seattle YMCA  
2100 24th Ave S, Suite 200  
Seattle, WA

**PSCCN Listening Session**  
**Friday, April 5, 2019**  
**11AM-12:30PM**

Community listening session hosted by PSCCN  
Puget Sound Educational Service District (Renton)

## White Center Listening Session

**Tuesday, April 16, 2019**

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Community listening session hosted by White Center CDA and YES Foundation  
Technology Access Foundation, Bethaday Community Learning Space  
605 SW 108th Street  
Seattle, WA 98146

## Listening Session in Spanish

**Thursday, April 18, 2019**

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Community listening session hosted by Padres Activos Al Futuro  
NAVOS Mental Health Solutions  
1210 SW 136th St  
Burien, WA 98166

## Bellevue Listening Session

**Friday, April 19, 2019**

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Community listening session hosted by Muslim Community and Neighborhood Association, India Association of Western WA and Eastside Immigrant and Refugee Coalition  
Bellevue Family YMCA  
14230 Bel-Red Rd  
Bellevue, WA

## Listening Session in Federal Way

**Monday, April 22, 2019**

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Federal Way Community Center - Forest Lounge  
876 S. 333rd Street  
Federal Way, WA 98003

**Q+A**

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## Discussion questions

- What do you like about the proposed program? What would you change? What's missed?
- Once funded, what should be included in the King County Promise funds distribution process to ensure equitable outcomes for the target populations?

# Let's make this happen.

- Contact your county councilmember
- Attend a listening session
- Sign up for the mailing list  
**[psccn.org/king-county-promise](https://psccn.org/king-county-promise)**
- Stay informed on the King County Process:
  - [www.kingcounty.gov/council/issues/education.aspx](https://www.kingcounty.gov/council/issues/education.aspx)

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