



YELM HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Yelm High School "Class of 2002" graduates

We hope this letter finds you, The Class of 2002, doing well. We are working hard to continually improve our school and part of that success comes from you - our former grads.

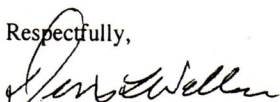
I hope that your pursuits after graduating from Yelm High School have been successful. We have been working for over three years on how to restructure the high school to make it a positive and successful venture for "all" students. This year we have established 4 smaller learning communities within our school. The academies are named the Cardinals, Summit, Phoenix and Nulli Secundus.

If you have driven through town lately you would have noticed the new construction at McKenna Elementary and the creation of a parking lot by the "A" building at the high school. This is the first construction sites for our bond that passed in Spring of 2002. High School construction is scheduled to begin in late September 2004 in the old parking lot. A new two story building containing a Performing Arts Center, new and improved Cafeteria, administrative offices, and several classroom will take your old parking spaces. An auxiliary Gym will be built in the area of the gym portable with additions to the existing gym to include a new weight room and expanded boys and girls locker rooms. We hope to open the new school in the Fall of 2006.

A study completed by the Community and Technical College (CTC) on your class revealed the following: Out of the 227 graduates of the class of 2002, 57 (21.9%) went directly to a CTC. Of those 33 (57.9%) needed to enroll in developmental math course, 23 (40.4%) in developmental writing and 19 (33.3%) took developmental reading classes. There are no studies to evaluate how students enrolling in 4-year colleges fared. 197 of your classmates completed the YHS initial survey last year and stated that 65% thought you were fully prepared for the transition to college or the work place. Your comments on safe and drug free, high standards and quality work, and the other initial survey questions are valued. In the future we will be once again asking for your input, comments and concerns that can help us address our number one goal, providing for the needs of our customers - you. Thanks for taking the time to read this and we hope that you have a very successful and rewarding future.

Remember you are also signed up with the 1-800-REUNION Program that is designed to assist senior class officers and reunion organizers in keeping up-to-date on classmates forever. Please remember to call and update your address whenever you move. Check out our Website at: www.ycs.wednet.edu

Respectfully,



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Yelm High School