



Lake Washington Schools Foundation

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VETERAN FUNDRAISER TO LEAD LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

HELEN KATHRYN SERNETT, CFRE RECRUITED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO HELP EXPAND LWSF PHILANTHROPIC EFFORTS, BUILD PARTNERSHIPS, AND ENGAGE COMMUNITY



Redmond, WA, July 17, 2019 – Helen Sernett, a longtime fundraiser with significant experience in fundraising for youth and student focused organizations is joining the Lake Washington Schools Foundation (LWSF) as its new Executive Director.

LWSF is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing resources and administering programs to support the Lake Washington School District (LWSD). LWSF is focused on caring for the whole student through programs that help ensure food security, emotional resiliency, and more for every student in the district.

In selecting Sernett, the board sought a leader with strong credentials in fundraising and non-profit leadership to match the growing needs of this high performing district.

Sernett is a veteran fundraiser, having raised over \$35 million for healthcare and education organizations including Bloodworks Northwest, Seattle Children’s Hospital Foundation and Seattle University. Sernett also chairs the Membership Committee and

serves as a member of the Board of Directors at Advancement Northwest, the local chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

“I look forward to having active and long-term conversations with community members across the district in Redmond, Kirkland, and Sammamish,” added Sernett. “Bearing in mind the district’s growth, diversity, and the community’s interests, I am eager to continue LWSF’s work of ensuring that each student in the LWSD excels academically and in life.”

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