



**Pushing boundaries:** With the addition of three new middle schools, student attendance boundaries will need to be adjusted. SPS is looking for people who are interested in being part of this process. Committee members will equally represent the Northeast, Northwest and South Hill regions of the district. Any community member, parent or staff member can apply! [Learn more here.](#)



**Building bonanza:** On Oct. 10 at 2:30 p.m. we'll kick off construction for the new Glover Middle School, which is being designed by NAC Architecture of Spokane. Last week, we broke ground on the first joint SPS/City of Spokane project of the 2018 bond -- a new Shaw Middle School, On Track Academy and Hillyard Library, designed by Integrus Architecture of Spokane. Both Shaw and Glover will incorporate the [facility design principles determined by last year's design summit.](#)



**Every day matters:** Attendance is an important life skill that can help students graduate from college and keep a job. Every day a student is absent is a lost opportunity for learning. Students can still fall behind if they miss even just a day or two every few weeks. Though September is officially [attendance awareness](#) month, we'd like to keep shining the light on this important issue year-round.



**This is only a test:** PSAT Day is Oct. 16 for 8th-10th graders in SPS. The PSAT 8/9 (for grades 8 & 9) and PSAT/NMSQT (for grades 10 & 11) are provided free of charge to students during the school day. This provides equal access for all students, promotes college interest and can help generate a dialog about post-secondary options. Similarly, the SAT is provided free of charge to juniors in March.



**Congratulations are in order:** In a surprise announcement at Logan, Brent Perdue was named the Dick Stannard Distinguished Elementary Principal of the Year for 2019-20. His nominators described Brent as "a dynamic, instructional leader who truly cares about making a difference in his community." [Read more...](#)