PURPOSE: Many of the experiences and learning opportunities that shape a child’s life occur outside of the classroom in our communities. Science tells us that children develop the capabilities they need to overcome challenges through connections with caring and competent adults. **Graduate Strong is a community response designed to help students develop the capabilities, connections, and the credentials they need to flourish.**

VALUES
Guide our bold and courageous approach to the work. We are ambitious and optimistic in our collective action for student success.

*Equity.* An inclusive person-centered approach that focuses on populations that have historically been furthest from opportunity.

*Responsibility.* Shared accountability that brings community and schools together.

*Transparency.* Research-based and driven by disaggregated data shared to influence and improve outcomes for ALL our youth.

*Community.* Our community has strengths and resources to help ALL students flourish.

*Resiliency.* Building resiliency over time through positive experiences and relationships.

*Innovation.* Test and try new ideas and actions, sometimes emphasizing learning over outcomes.

MISSION
To strengthen our community by reducing gaps in educational opportunity and increasing post-secondary enrollment and completion

Focus Areas
Utilizing strengths-based approaches to increase school and community capacity in the Kitsap region around:

- Trauma Sensitive Schools
- Attendance
- Discipline Policies and Restorative Practices
- Hope and Resilience Building through Mentorship
- Future Bound Action: College Bound Sign-Ups, Internships, Dual Credit Enrollment, and Financial Aid Completion
- Credentials: Technical, 2-year, and 4-year Enrollment
- College Persistence

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