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## **Legacy and Tulalip Heritage Receive Grant from Washington State Board of Education to Transition to ‘Mastery-Based Learning’ Model**

*Congratulations to principals Au’Yana Lee (Legacy High School) and Dr. Nathan Plummer (Tulalip Heritage High School) for receiving acceptance into the Mastery-based Learning Collaborative (MBLC), a pioneering grant program from the Washington State Board of Education.*

*Msvl. WA* - With the support of state funding via a grant program, exciting developments are on the horizon for two of the Marysville School District’s high schools – Legacy and Tulalip Heritage. Last month, the State Board of Education selected just over 20 schools across Washington to join the Mastery-based Learning Collaborative (MBLC) grant program. The MBLC was created to grow mastery-based learning (MBL) in Washington State schools. This grant supports schools to “successfully move their instruction to align with the state’s culturally responsive, sustaining MBL framework.”

According to the State Board of Education, mastery-based learning “is an innovative approach that lets students take charge of their learning, go at their own speed, and get help that fits their interests and needs.” Furthermore, an MBL model allows “students [to] move forward when they truly master a topic” rather than “moving on to new content because time has passed.”

The two-year grant will award Legacy and Tulalip Heritage financial support and professional learning for educators, as well as participation in the MBLC community, to learn from other schools adopting the MBL framework. Principal Dr. Nathan Plummer of Tulalip Heritage said the MBLC grant

will “enhance [Legacy and Heritage’s] work in providing relevant educational programming centering on the strengths of students, their cultures, interests, passions, and dreams.” Legacy High School principal Au’Yana Lee added, “Being part of the MBL Community will not only give us the tools needed to empower students to take ownership of their learning, but this work will also contribute to greater academic achievement and deeper understanding of the subject matter. We look forward to working with other educators in our state to transform educational spaces and increase student-centered learning environments.”

Click [HERE](#) to watch a video and learn more about mastery-based learning and its benefits to students, educators, and the classroom.

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