

October 30, 2018

Dear Ferndale Community,

It is with great enthusiasm that we welcome the *Be the One* (BTO) mentoring program to Ferndale High School. As educators, we know that a mentor can play an important role in a student's life and decision making. We serve close to fourteen-hundred students at Ferndale High School and a program like BTO will help us extend our reach and bring mentoring relationships to all students.

There are many reasons we decided to join BTO as a partner. Here are three:

1. BTO is an established program with a demonstrated history of success. After starting the program in Lynden, we have read many accounts from both mentors and mentees sharing about the positive changes the program brought to their lives. We look forward to seeing those stories unfold for us in Ferndale.
2. BTO is rooted in our community. The program will pursue financial and volunteer support from within the Ferndale community. We think this is important. Ferndale is a unique and special place and this program should reflect the character of our community.
3. BTO is guided by strong leadership. The local Ferndale program will move forward with key leaders in place 1) mentor leaders Scott and Anita Locker and 2) program coordinator Annie Anderson. We think it is important that BTO pursued and chose strong leadership.

We look forward to the opportunity to provide new mentorship opportunities for Ferndale High School students. Show your pride and join us in welcoming and supporting the *Be the One* mentoring program at Ferndale High School.

Thank you,



Dr. Linda Quinn  
Ferndale School District Superintendent



Jeremy Vincent  
Ferndale High School Principal