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## **IslandWood and King County Brightwater Education Center Celebrate 10-year Educational Partnership**

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA** (January 26, 2022) - IslandWood is honored to be celebrating our 10-year educational partnership with King County at the Brightwater Education Center, a LEED platinum certified state-of-the-art facility in Woodinville. Over the last decade, IslandWood and King County have partnered to offer free environmental science programs year-round for families and schools, applying science and engineering lessons in local watersheds and natural systems to build understanding of the environment and the impact we all have on it.

Reflecting on the growth of the programs at Brightwater, IslandWood Urban School and Community Education Manager, Derek Jones said, "I've had the pleasure of working in partnership with King County for the past 10 years as we've grown our program from a small list of pilot schools to serving over 4,000 students a year from our region, including our local communities in Woodinville and South Snohomish County and throughout King County. I'm proud of the impact we are creating together."

In addition to the 10-year anniversary, IslandWood and King County are bringing summer day camps for 1st – 6th graders back to Brightwater this summer after a two-year hiatus. IslandWood offers scholarships to help ensure equitable access to these summer programs. For information about IslandWood summer day camps at the Brightwater Center, visit [islandwood.org/summercamp](http://islandwood.org/summercamp).

For more information about upcoming free IslandWood community events at the Brightwater Center, visit [islandwood.org/events](http://islandwood.org/events). One of our most popular events at Brightwater of the year, the Festival of Frogs, is coming up in April!

### **About IslandWood**

Through our experiential environmental education programs for 3rd – 8<sup>th</sup> graders, teacher professional development series, graduate program, and public policy advocacy, IslandWood is inspiring the next generation of environmental stewards and problem solvers. Programs take place on our 250-acre campus on Bainbridge Island, at the Brightwater Treatment Plant in Woodinville, and in Seattle classrooms, schoolyards and public parks. IslandWood impacts over 20,000 students and educators each year. Learn more at [www.islandwood.org](http://www.islandwood.org).