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Reardon hails passage of Arlington, Monroe and Lakewood school levies; salutes Everett Silvertips' hockey win

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Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon today lauded citizens for passage of maintenance and operations levies in the Arlington, Lakewood and Monroe school districts Tuesday, calling the voters' approval an important endorsement for local education.

And Reardon also saluted the dramatic overtime win by the Everett Silvertips over the Kelowna Rockets, which sends the first-year franchise into the Western Hockey League championship series versus the Medicine Hat, Alberta, Tigers.

"Our educators and the Tips have a lot in common – they never give up," Reardon said. "Combine that with Monday's announcement that our largest employer, The Boeing Co., has sold its first 50 7E7s to All-Nippon Airlines and, well, this has been a very good week for Snohomish County."

Reardon commented on the support he hears for local education and educators during meetings such as his "Community Conversations," which are aimed at explaining the County's new priorities-based budget process to citizens.

"The emphasis citizens put on public education is crystal clear," Reardon said. "And that message is underscored by levy results from Arlington, Lakewood and Monroe. I have asked people writing the 2005 County budget to pay particular attention to ways the County might partner with local schools to achieve their goals.

"The County has some tough budget choices coming – we have to close a \$16.6 million deficit in our general fund budget – but I'd like to build on the good things happening in school districts all across Snohomish County."

As for the Everett Silvertips' improbable comeback from a three games to one deficit in the Western Hockey League semi-finals - in which the Tips won three straight games in overtime over Kelowna to capture the series – all Reardon could say was, “This is *Miracle on Ice II*.”

“The Silvertips have pulled a great comeback,” Reardon said. “The community is very proud of these young men. They never give up.

“On to Medicine Hat!”

Concluded Reardon: “Our schools, our Silvertips – and the sale of Boeing’s first 50 7E7s. This has been a good week for Snohomish County.”

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