

# Bond Projects Update

## Lake Washington School District



**September 18, 2017**

Watch your mailbox for our first-ever *Building on Success Progress Report*. It should arrive in your mailbox next week, and contains information about each of the eight bond projects funded by the April 2016 bond. The report will also be posted on the district website early next week.

Check out more bond project updates on the [Building on Success webpage](#), or sign up for future updates.

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### Updates on projects

#### New Elementary School - North Redmond

Construction continues at the New Elementary School in North Redmond. Steel construction is expected to begin in the next 30 days. Two newly installed underground vaults will keep storm water clean at the school. The north vault has 138 panels with a capacity of 920,000 gallons of water (that's the size of 1.4 Olympic-sized swimming pools). [Watch a time-lapse of the construction on YouTube](#). This vault was built between August 14-22, 2017. Because this vault was built out of pre-fabricated panels, the installation time was shortened by four months.

Planning Principal Karen Barker is working to hire staff. Principal Barker is in the process of interviewing and hiring 12 general education staff members, and one of each specialist (counselor, PE teacher, music teacher, librarian and Special Education teacher). Hiring is being done with internal candidates for now, with additional information nights for current staff members coming soon.



## New Elementary School - North Redmond

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### New Elementary School - Redmond Ridge East

Construction continues at the New Elementary School in Redmond Ridge East. Steel is expected to arrive at the site at the end of this month. Planning Principal Kim Bilanko and her eight newly-hired staff members recently had an opportunity to tour the site. Principal Bilanko is also in the process of interviewing and hiring 12 general education staff members, and one of each specialist (counselor, PE teacher, music teacher, librarian and Special Education teacher). Hiring is being done with internal candidates for now, with additional information nights for current staff members coming soon.



*Photo: New Elementary School - Redmond Ridge East staff members tour the site.*

## New Elementary School - Redmond Ridge East

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### New Middle School - Redmond Ridge

Construction of the New Middle School in Redmond Ridge continues. Part of the site preparation required the crushing of large rocks. This took place in August. At this and other bond project sites, contractors are installing geothermal wells. Geothermal (aka "ground source") is a sustainable way to provide conditioned air for thermal comfort in a way that reduces operational utility costs and maintenance. Construction of geothermal wells began in August and continues this month at the site.



*Photo: Rock crushing at the New Middle School in Redmond Ridge.*

## New Middle School - Redmond Ridge

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### Juanita High School

Students and staff returned to campus on September 5. Construction crews worked to clearly separate the construction activities from school activity. This was done with clear signage and marked pathways for students to walk. The emphasis is on safety for all students and staff. Due to construction activities, there is limited parking available on campus. Students have been encouraged to take the bus, walk or carpool to school. The district sent out two short videos from Facebook Live that showed students what to expect when navigating the campus. [Those videos can be found on YouTube here.](#)



*Photo credit: Multivista - Entrance to the JHS fieldhouse.*

## Juanita High School

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### Peter Kirk Elementary School

The Peter Kirk Elementary School rebuild and enlarge project is in the design development phase. Architects have met with the Kirk Elementary Construction Input Team four times and have held community open houses to gather input on the project. The Kirk Elementary Construction Input team includes the principal, Monica Garcia; staff members; and parents. This project should move into the construction documents and permitting process soon, with construction expected to begin this spring.



*Image: Rendering of the new Peter Kirk Elementary.*

## Peter Kirk Elementary School

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### Margaret Mead Elementary School

Margaret Mead Elementary School's rebuild and enlarge project is also in the design development phase. Mead Elementary has a Construction Input Team and has met with the community at open houses to gather feedback. This project should move into the construction documents and permitting process soon, with construction expected to begin this spring.



*Image: Rendering of the new Margaret Mead Elementary.*

## Margaret Mead Elementary School

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### Explorer Community School

Students at Explorer Community School moved into their new modular classrooms last week. A grand opening is being planned for the first week of October. A video from Facebook Live in August shows the modular units being placed on the campus. Here is a link to that video:

[https://youtu.be/io\\_0V8yHC\\_c](https://youtu.be/io_0V8yHC_c). A slideshow containing aerial photos of this project are available on the [Explorer Community School project page](#) on the district website.



Photo: Explorer Community School's new modular classrooms.

## Explorer Community School

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### Old Redmond Schoolhouse

This project is still in the project concept development phase.



Photo: Old Redmond Schoolhouse

## Old Redmond Schoolhouse

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### Have a question about a bond project? Let's Talk!

Have a question about any of these projects? [Ask us through our "Let's Talk" system](#). This system allows you to share comments or ask questions to members of our team.



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### Other Items of Interest

- [Boundary Review Process for the Redmond Learning Community](#) - updated 9/12
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