

Bond Projects Update

Lake Washington School District



October 2017

Building on Success

Lake Washington School District is planning for three ballot measures on the February 13, 2018 election. The measures are a bond (the second of four planned bonds) a replacement Capital Projects Levy and a replacement Educational Programs & Operations (EP&O) levy. A recommendation was presented to the Board of Directors on October 2, and they formally approved the bond and levies at the October 16 board meeting. [Read more about these upcoming ballot measures.](#)

What is the capacity of our new and rebuilt elementary schools?

Our new and rebuilt elementary schools are being constructed to accommodate 690 students. This is based on current class size and standards of service for programs such as music, art, science and resource spaces.

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Updates on projects

New Elementary School - North Redmond

Steel assembly and installation for the building framework is underway at the New Elementary School in North Redmond. It is scheduled to be topped off, or completed today. On the 65th day of construction, (two weeks into steel construction) LWSD did a Facebook Live video of the steel assembly in progress. [Check out the video here.](#)

Planning Principal Karen Barker is in the process of hiring initial staff. Current staff are having their first team

planning meetings the week of October 23. Team members are participating in Learning Walks at a



variety of schools both in Lake Washington School District and other local schools. Watch for a new school website – coming soon!

New Elementary School - North Redmond

New Elementary School - Redmond Ridge East

Steel assembly and installation for the building's framework is also underway at the New Elementary School in Redmond Ridge East. The last of the foundation was poured last week. The framework is scheduled to be complete in November.



Planning Principal Kim Bilanko is in the process of hiring initial staff. Current staff are having their first team planning meetings the week of October 23. Team members are also participating in Learning Walks at a variety of schools both in Lake Washington School District and other local schools. Watch for a new school website – coming soon!

New Elementary School - Redmond Ridge East

New Middle School - Redmond Ridge

Structural steel installation began at the New Middle School in Redmond Ridge on October 16. Digging of geothermal wells begins in November. Harnessing geothermal energy (aka “ground source”), is a sustainable way to condition the air inside the building by exchanging heat within the ground. This reduces energy consumption and therefore lowers utility costs. Installation of the underground fiber optic cables started last week.



New Middle School - Redmond Ridge

Juanita High School

By doing some early site work during the summer of 2017, we were able to demolish a portion of the existing building and set up a temporary campus of leased portables. This sets the stage for new construction to start

in the spring of 2018, which will allow Juanita to open in 2020.

The original schedule for Juanita High School had the design phase going through the end of 2017, starting construction in the summer of 2018 and opening in 2021.



The team will continue to work behind the scenes this winter to wrap up the design, submit for building permits and bid out several of the long lead items such as structural steel. This early work to procure materials now is key to making sure the contractor can start construction on the new building as efficiently as possible in the spring of 2018.

A project timeline is also available on the [Juanita High School project page](#).

Aerial photo by Tim Rice Photography.

Juanita High School

Peter Kirk Elementary School

Kirk Elementary is currently in the last part of the design development process. The construction document and permitting phase is scheduled to start at the end of November. A new site plan and floor plan of Kirk Elementary have been added to the slideshow on the [school's project page](#).



Peter Kirk Elementary School

Margaret Mead Elementary School

Mead Elementary is also in the last part of the design development process. The construction document and permitting phase is scheduled to start at the end of November. A new site plan and floor plan of Mead Elementary have been added to the slideshow on the [school's project page](#).



Margaret Mead Elementary School

Explorer Community School

LWSD held its grand opening celebration and ribbon-cutting for **Explorer Community School** on Wednesday, October 4. Principal Karen Barker and LWSD Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce cut the ceremonial ribbon. Students performed for guests and Principal Barker recognized the teachers for their work in opening the new building. You can watch the Grand Opening Ceremony on the [LWSD Facebook page](#).

In addition, the covered play area was completed the first weekend of October.



Explorer Community School

Old Redmond Schoolhouse

This project is still in the design phase.



Old Redmond Schoolhouse

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.

Other Items of Interest

- [Boundary Review Process for the Redmond Learning Community](#)
 - [Bond and Levies](#)
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