

Construction Updates

Lake Washington School District



January 2020

Building on Success: A Year in Photos



The year 2019 was one to remember: We celebrated the grand openings of **Timberline Middle School** and the newly rebuilt **Peter Kirk** and **Margaret Mead** elementary schools. Progress continued on the remaining 2016 bond projects: **Juanita High School** and **Old Redmond Schoolhouse**. Construction also began on the addition at **Lake Washington High School**, funded by the Capital Projects Levy passed by voters in April 2019.

Thank you to the communities of Lake Washington School District. With your ongoing support, we are providing students with great places to learn! [Watch the video.](#)

Facility Advisory Committee Update

A new Facility Advisory Committee (FAC) began working in November 2019. This group will make recommendations for future facility planning, informed by enrollment trends, community expectations and district programs. The facility strategy will align with the District's strategic plan and make recommendations to accommodate our rapid enrollment growth and continue to provide quality learning environments.

The Superintendent and School Board will consider these recommendations as it plans for future ballot measures to fund construction. The FAC will open its first community survey at the end of January. Watch for more information on the [Facility Advisory Committee](#) page of the LWSD website.

In this edition of Building On Success:

- Students at [Juanita High School](#) are already realizing benefits from Phase 1 of their new school.
- Construction continues both inside and outside at [Old Redmond Schoolhouse](#).
- Learn about the new auxiliary gymnasium and commons planned for [Lake Washington High School](#) during an information night on February 5.
- Watch as the last steel beam is hoisted to the top of the [Lake Washington High School](#) 20-classroom addition.
- See the posters from information nights at [Franklin, Twain and Rose Hill](#) elementary schools.

2016 Bond Projects

Video: Juanita High School students and staff share their new school



“Being in a new building has allowed for some new opportunities,” Principal Kelly Clapp told LWSD School Board members on December 9. The new classrooms are meant to be flexible to accommodate the changing needs of the school. “Our shared learning spaces ... allow for flexible groupings and a differentiated learning experience,” she said.

Before the meeting, Superintendent Dr. Jane Stavem visited with students and staff at the new Juanita High School (Phase 1). The school is scheduled to be completed in September 2020.

[During the video featured at the Board Meeting](#), Clapp said, “I think having the school be a hub of the community is really important. I want that everyone feels warm and welcome.”

One student said his favorite part of the school is the cafeteria. “It just looks so cool that you can look over and see everything.”

“Most of our kids are in here during lunch and there are lots of interesting, different spaces for kids to be sitting in,” Clapp said. “Kids have all found a place to be.”

Across the hall from the main office, the College and Career Center is bustling with activity. Kendra Phillips, College and Career Specialist, likes the location. “It’s been so nice to be so visible for students,”

she said. “They can pop in, ask questions, on their way to class.”

The JHS community is also watching the final phase of construction go up on the other side of the courtyard. “There’ll be oohs and aahhs when they put in the windows,” Clapp said. “When different things happen, people notice.”

Dr. Stavem also visited special education teachers and paraeducators. They love the new space, Clapp said. There is also a dedicated conference room for Individualized Education Program (IEP) and other family meetings.



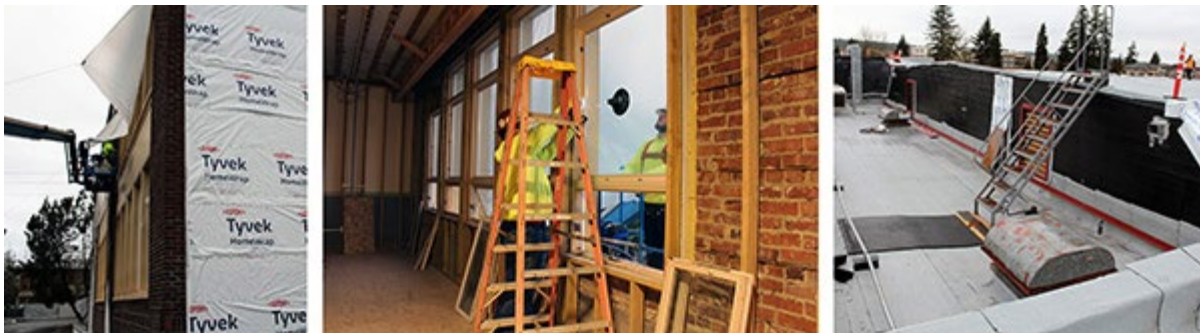
The library is another safe place for students. Librarian Mike Fleming hopes the inviting space will encourage more students to become readers.

One student expressed pride in his school and his community. “This new building ... kind of inspires me to work a lot harder and be more successful in my life.”

[Watch the video.](#)

Juanita High School

Old Redmond Schoolhouse



At **Old Redmond Schoolhouse**, construction continues on the outside of the 98-year-old historic building. Construction crews have also turned their attention to the school’s interior. Workers are preparing the building for mechanical and electrical systems, in addition to drywall and finishes.

Outside, the roofing has been replaced. Most of the brick masonry has been repaired and window repairs are in progress. Work on the roof’s metal trim is underway.

The building will house 10 preschool classrooms, along with City of Redmond activities, when it opens in fall 2020.

2019 Capital Projects Levy Construction Update

Information night at Lake Washington High School on February 5



Join us to hear about the addition of a new auxiliary gym and commons space at **Lake Washington High School**. A community information night is set for February 5 from 6-7 p.m. in the LWHS commons. Construction on the auxiliary spaces is scheduled to begin this summer.

This will be an open-house style poster session. Feel free to drop by any time during this one-hour event.

Construction on 20 additional classrooms has already begun. The new classroom wing will open in fall 2020.

Last steel beam placed for LWHS addition



Workers placed the last steel beam at the school's 20-classroom addition on December 4. Students enjoyed signing the beam before it was hoisted to the top of the two-story building after school. The last beam is traditionally accompanied by an American flag and an evergreen branch during a "topping out ceremony." [See more photos and watch the video.](#)

Lake Washington High School

LWSD hosts information nights about classroom additions at three schools



LWSD hosted three information nights for the communities of **Twain**, **Franklin** and **Rose Hill** elementary schools. Construction on these projects will start this summer and open for students in fall 2021.

View the posters for each school:

- [Mark Twain Elementary](#) (November 21)
- [Benjamin Franklin Elementary](#) (December 5)
- [Rose Hill Elementary](#) (December 12)

[Rachel Carson Elementary's](#) information session will be held next fall. Construction at Carson is expected to begin in summer 2021.

Have a question about a 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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