Construction Updates Lake Washington School District



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2016 Bond Project Updates

Old Redmond Schoolhouse is a school once again



Staff cheered on September 14 as the first preschool student walked confidently into the **Early** Learning Center at Old Redmond Schoolhouse. It is the first time in more than 20 years that Lake Washington School District has held classes in the building.

After a remodel, approved by voters in 2016, the 98-year-old historic building now has 10 preschool classrooms. Most special needs preschool students are attending class in-person, though some are starting the year remotely.

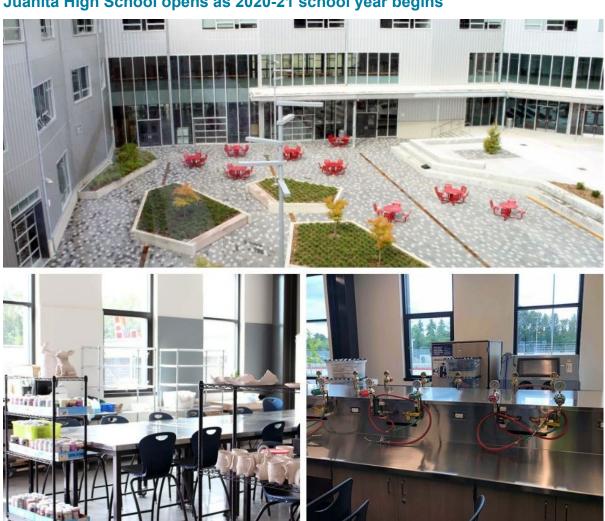
Even children who were, at first, hesitant to leave their parents behind were soon playing happily with new blocks, toy cars, pretend kitchens and puzzles. Teachers prepared visual schedules and illustrations to help students anticipate the next activity.

"A sincere thank you to the Lake Washington School District community for supporting this vision," said Director of Early Learning Kim Brenner. "Having a dedicated space designed with early learning in mind ensures that our youngest, and often most vulnerable students, have access to the space, materials and equipment they need during their most formative years."

The district is partnering with the City of Redmond to lease part of the building that isn't being used for the preschool program for community recreation programming. These spaces include the gymnasium, clay studio and two flexible spaces.

See more photos and learn more about LWSD's preschool programs on our website.

Old Redmond Schoolhouse



Juanita High School opens as 2020-21 school year begins

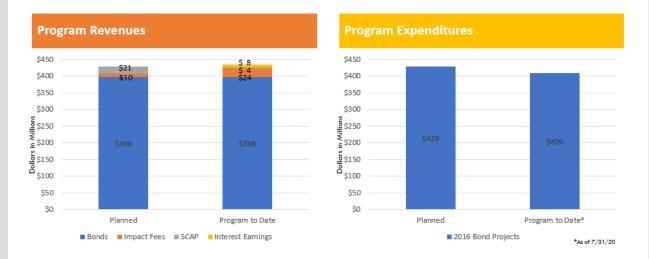
With the opening of Phase 2 at Juanita High School, teachers are now in the same building. Teachers spent the week before school moving into new classrooms as well as preparing their virtual classrooms for remote learning.

Phase 2 includes both general and specialized classrooms. CTE classrooms include material science classes, with special equipment for welding and exploring the manufacturing process. The culinary arts classroom is designed to allow for easy viewing of the teaching station using a video monitor. Students taking the retail operations class will have easy access to the nearby student store to apply what they are learning.

Juanita High School

2016 Bond Financial Update

We are so pleased that all our bond projects are now completed and ready for students. We want to thank the community for their continued support in building needed classroom space. While spending will still occur over the next year as we close out the projects, the charts below show planned 2016 bond program revenues and expenditures compared to current receipts and spending. Of the total planned revenues and expenditures of \$434 million has been received to date. Of the total planned revenues and expenditures of \$434 million that has been received to date, the district has spent \$409 million.



2019 Capital Projects Levy Updates

The 2019 Capital Projects Levy was approved by voters in February 2019, providing classroom and core space additions to support critical student capacity needs and safety enhancements.

20 new classrooms open at Lake Washington High School



Teachers with new classrooms in the **Lake Washington High School** addition spent time in August unpacking boxes and preparing their classrooms. Students at Lake Washington High School had a chance to see inside the new wing and meet some of their teachers during textbook and supply pickup. The new 20-classroom addition includes science, CTE and general classrooms, as well as teacher planning space and two central shared spaces.

The commons expansion on the second floor above the main commons is also complete.

The 10 portable classrooms at the school have been relocated to Inglewood Middle School, Kirkland Middle School and Rose Hill Middle School to support additional space needs at those schools.

Lake Washington High School

Security camera installation complete at elementary schools

The levy also provided funding for safety and security enhancements. LWSD completed installation of exterior cameras at all elementary school sites over the summer.



Entrance changes at high schools will provide additional security

High school entry modifications at Lake Washington High School, Redmond High School and Eastlake High School are underway. Construction of a new visitor's entrance at Lake Washington High School began this summer and is scheduled to be complete at the end of September. Construction at Redmond High School will start soon and be complete by October. Eastlake High School modifications are scheduled to be complete in fall 2021.

Construction of classroom additions begins at three elementary schools

Construction began this summer on additions at **Benjamin Franklin Elementary**, **Rose Hill Elementary** and **Mark Twain Elementary** in Kirkland.

Benjamin Franklin Elementary



Construction activities are focused on exterior site work and utility installation. The two-story addition will have a total of eight new classrooms.

Benjamin Franklin Elementary

Rose Hill Elementary



Workers are preparing the site of a two-story classroom addition, which will provide eight new classrooms.

Rose Hill Elementary

Mark Twain Elementary



Crews are repurposing the existing library to make space for a two-story renovation, adding four additional classrooms.

Mark Twain Elementary

2019 Capital Projects Levy Financial Update

The district completed a Limited General Obligation bond sale in May 2020 for \$75 million in order to front-fund the these critical capacity projects. Bonds will be paid back with the levy proceeds that are collected over the next six years. Program spending picked up over the summer as the LWHS addition was completed; elementary exterior cameras were installed; and elementary additions and entry control projects began. Of the total planned expenditures of \$144 million, \$33 million has been spent.



Facility Advisory Committee Update – Upcoming Feedback Opportunity

The LWSD Facility Advisory Committee's (FAC) draft recommendations regarding projects to meet the district's growing enrollment over the next 10 years were shared with the School Board on July 13, 2020. Learn more about the recommendations and view the presentation.

The FAC will host an online open house for you to look at the recommendations and provide feedback. More information will be available soon on this feedback opportunity.

