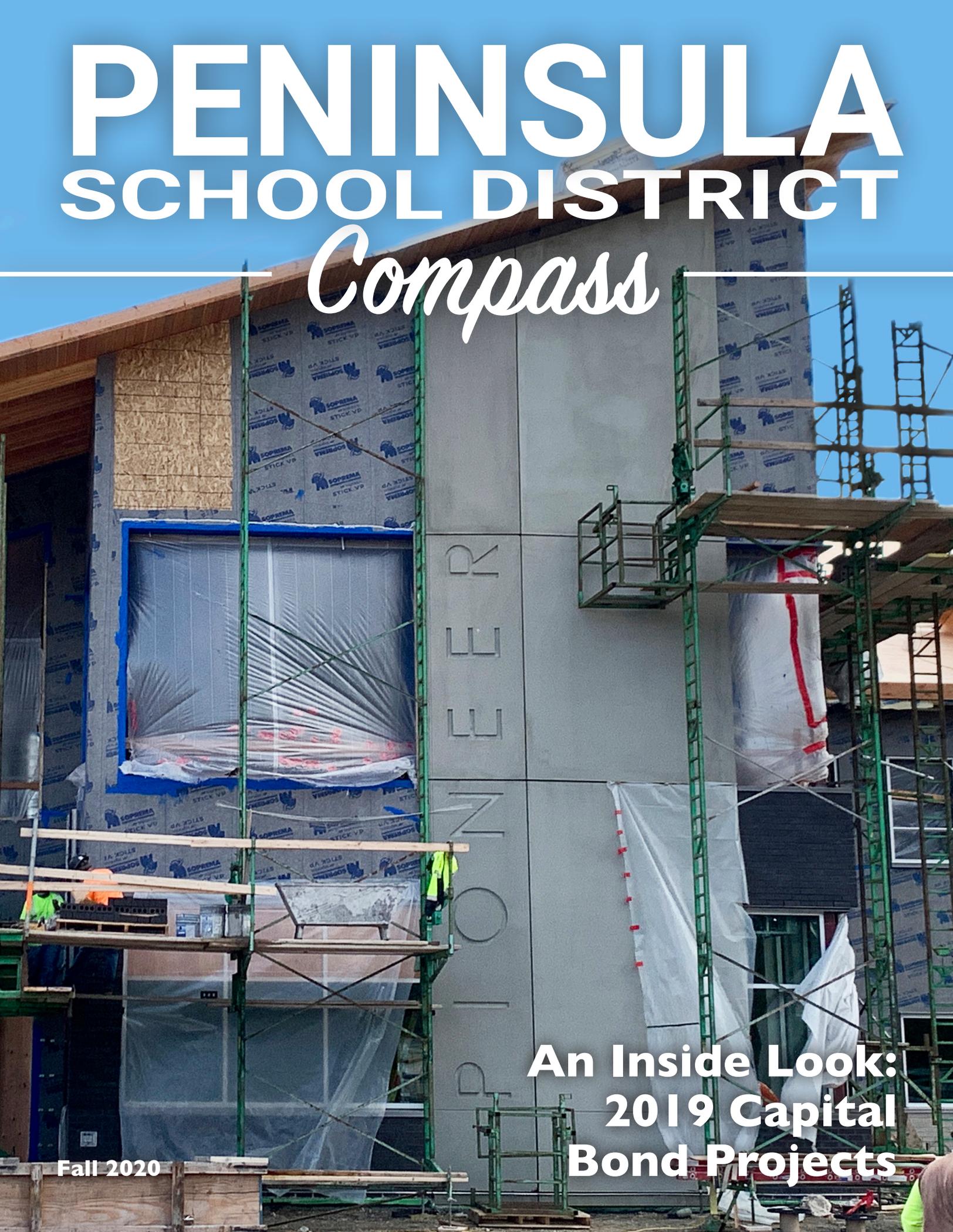


# PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## *Compass*

**An Inside Look:  
2019 Capital  
Bond Projects**

Fall 2020



# An Inside Look . . .

## Take a Tour of PSD's Construction Sites, Funded by the 2019 Capital Bond

**W**e're giving the PSD community an inside look into the school construction projects happening throughout the district that are funded by the 2019 capital bond.

On February 12, 2019, the PSD community passed a \$198.55 million bond for school construction to address extreme elementary overcrowding and other emergent infrastructure needs.

In the following pages, you'll view details for each of our construction projects:

Pioneer Elementary - New School and Expansion

Elementary School #9 - New School

Evergreen Elementary - Replacement and Expansion

Artondale Elementary - Replacement and Expansion

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Key Peninsula Middle School - Modernization

Kopachuck Middle School - Modernization

The 2019 bond provides quality, flexible spaces for learning and future growth for PSD's schools. This would not have been possible without the support of our voters. Thank you!

## Thank You, PSD Voters!

### Something to Celebrate in 2020

By Dr. Art Jarvis, Superintendent



**T**he complexities of education in the midst of a pandemic could almost cause one to lose sight of something wonderful happening in our community. One needs only to drive by our school construction sites to realize that the work transpiring here will long outlive the virus that is so disruptive to our world.

Four beautiful schools are emerging to serve our children for decades to come. As a bonus, the employment generated by these construction projects is a godsend to our community in this time of layoffs, unemployment, and business shutdowns.

All of this is due to the support of district patrons just months ago. Promises made, promises kept!

Kudos to the capital projects team that is delivering on those promises. The phrase "on time, on budget" understates their work of these past 19 months. Because of their diligence, two additional projects can be launched to modernize two of our oldest middle schools – including additional space to house the middle school students now rolling up through the elementary schools.

So read and enjoy! Beautiful work, beautiful buildings, made for our children.

**- Did you know? -**

**BONDS ARE FOR BUILDING**

Bond funds can only be spent on purchasing property for schools, constructing new schools, or modernizing existing schools.

# Pioneer Elementary >> New School and Expansion



A rendering of Pioneer Elementary's main entrance. Image Credit: TCF Architecture

## Maker Space to Provide Place for Hands On Learning

The new Maker Space at Pioneer Elementary will provide a place for all students to experience hands on learning. The space will be separated into different studios, or sections, where students can stop in to work on a project connected to their in-class work. Students from different classes and grade levels will be able to collaborate and learn together.

Teacher Erin Dumas is looking forward to using Pioneer Elementary's new Maker Space,

where she can teach students with hands-on techniques to have them explore, test, and tinker with ideas.

"A space made to put their hands on materials and test out their ideas in a school will be a huge point of connection for so many kids . . . There will be a space for all learners here," Dumas said. "We are so lucky to have the space to plan and dream up what is possible for kids at PSD. We are very grateful!"



*"The vision of Pioneer Elementary could not have happened without the dedication and dreaming of all stakeholders. We are grateful to each of you who helped us get to where we are today. We can't wait until our community can see the final product!"*

**Principal Stephanie Strader**

Description:	Details:	Design Team:
<p>In June 2019, the district finalized the purchase of the facility that will become Pioneer Elementary from the Boys &amp; Girls Club of South Puget Sound. Pioneer is the first STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) magnet school in the district.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 72,500 Square Feet</li> <li>• 28 Classrooms</li> <li>• Bond Approved Opening: Fall 2022</li> <li>• Projected Opening: January 2021</li> </ul>	<p><b>TCF Architecture</b> Architectural Firm</p> <p><b>Forma Construction</b> Construction Company</p> <p><b>Stephanie Strader</b> Principal</p>

# Elementary School #9 >> New School



A rendering of Elementary School #9. Image Credit: Integrus Architecture



*"It's so exciting to see the school site transforming. For our Gig Harbor North families, the school location will offer a central hub for learning within walking distance for most of our students."*

**Principal David Brooks**

## Creating a Collaborative Space for Our Community

One of the many highlights of Elementary School #9's design includes a large space designated for community use. The Community Room will be located at the front of the school in close proximity to the more energetic spaces within the building, such as the gymnasium and commons. Community members will be able to reserve the room to host gatherings, meetings, and other events.



Building the Community Room at Elementary School #9 will help promote activities that support education and strengthen community partnerships.

### Description:

Elementary School #9 is a new school located on Harbor Hill Drive across from the YMCA. The district purchased this parcel of land in 2013 in anticipation of the increased number of students residing in the growing Gig Harbor North area.

### Details:

- 74,000 Square Feet
- 31 Classrooms
- Bond Approved Opening: Fall 2021
- Projected Opening: Fall 2021

### Design Team:

**Integrus Architecture**  
Architectural Firm

**Neeley Construction**  
Construction Company

**David Brooks**  
Principal

# Evergreen Elementary >> Replacement and Expansion



A rendering of Evergreen Elementary. Image Credit: TCF Architecture

## Key Peninsula Resident Working Close to Home



**Eric Turner**

Assistant Superintendent  
Absher Construction

**E**ric Turner is a local resident of the Key Peninsula area who attended Artondale Elementary and

Kopachuck Middle School as a child. Having been in the construction industry for 28 years, he is now enjoying working close to home as the Assistant Superintendent at the Evergreen Elementary site.

On site, Turner manages workers, coordinates the sequence of the work, and communicates with the contractors and architect to resolve any questions that come up.

“The new Evergreen Elementary will be a great addition to the neighborhood,” Turner said.



*“Every time I drive to Evergreen and see the worksite, it still surprises me, and I reflect on how exciting this is for our school community and the energy this new building is bringing to our staff, students, and parents.”*

**Principal Hugh Maxwell**

### Description:

A new school will be constructed adjacent to the existing school. After construction is complete, the old school will be demolished and the existing gym will remain for district and community use.

### Details:

- 49,200 Square Feet
- 19 Classrooms
- Bond Approved Opening: Fall 2022
- Projected Opening: Fall 2021

### Design Team:

**TCF Architecture**  
Architectural Firm

**Absher Construction**  
Construction Company

**Hugh Maxwell**  
Principal

# Artondale Elementary >> Replacement and Expansion



A rendering of Artondale Elementary. Image Credit: Integrus Architecture

## Students Share Insights into Artondale Construction



*"It's really cool that they already built the first part and poured cement. It dried really fast!"*

**Emery, 1st Grade**



*"It's like a T right now. I think they're doing the gym right now. There's a big space."*

**Carter, 1st Grade**



*"I think it would be really cool and bigger than the school right now. It would have more room for the classes and the gym."*

**Wesley, 1st Grade**



*"I wonder how they're gonna paint the school. I'd pick rainbow."*

**Jade, 1st Grade**



*"I take a moment each day to look out my office window at the progress of the construction project and visualize our new amazing building. I look forward to hearing children playing, learning, and interacting with each other in the new space. The opportunities are endless for a bright future for our Otter learning community."*

**Principal Jessica Rosendahl**

### Description:

A new building will be constructed on the school's existing upper playfield, allowing students and staff to remain in the old school until the new building opens. After the new school is opened, the existing school will be demolished and the new playfield will be constructed.

### Details:

- 77,000 Square Feet
- 34 Classrooms
- Bond Approved Opening: Fall 2021
- Projected Opening: Fall 2021
- New Playfield Projected Opening: Fall of 2022

### Design Team:

**Integrus Architecture**  
Architectural Firm

**Lincoln Construction**  
Construction Company

**Jessica Rosendahl**  
Principal

# Key Peninsula Middle School Kopachuck Middle School

## >> Modernization Projects



### Modernizations and Expansions

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### Modernization Project Highlights

- Addresses emergent needs at our two oldest middle schools
- Addresses anticipated capacity needs by adding additional classrooms
- Creates space for current and future educational programming
- Updates school exteriors to better represent our communities
- Refreshes school interiors for a better learning environment

### How Are We Funding Modernizations?

- PSD qualified for School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP) dollars from the state for Artondale, Elementary School #9, Evergreen, Kopachuck, and Key Peninsula, allowing the district to pool bond funds designated for emergent needs to pay for the middle school projects.
- The rapid design and permitting schedules on the four elementary school projects helped avoid some expected inflation costs.
- Available impact fees can be used to construct new classrooms that will add capacity to the schools.
- Costs for Pioneer were significantly lessened, as PSD purchased the old Boys & Girls Club to expand instead of building a new school from the ground up.

*"Because of the sensible and prudent planning by the district and planning teams, we have the opportunity to update our school and Kopachuck. KPMS feels fortunate to be included. Our staff have provided input to the architects as part of the beginning stages in the process. Some changes will be visible and some changes not, like updating water and heating systems."*

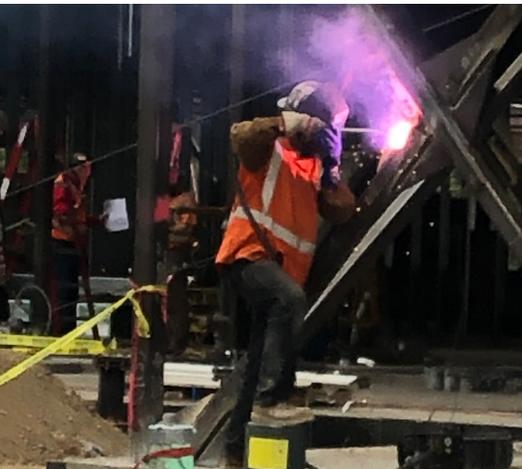


**Principal Jeri Goebel**  
Key Peninsula MS



**Principal Heidi Fedore**  
Kopachuck MS

*"We had anticipated being able to upgrade parts of our school with the bond, but now we can do more to help with overcrowding and add some more windows to let in the natural light."*



## Peninsula School District thanks the following for their partnership on these projects:

- Peninsula School District Voters
- Key Peninsula Community
- Gig Harbor Community
- City of Gig Harbor
- Pierce County
- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)
- Stand Up For Peninsula Schools (SUP)
- Integrus Architecture
- TCF Architecture
- Absher Construction
- Forma Construction
- Lincoln Construction
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- Greene Gasaway

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