



Connections



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Questions about the April bond measure?

More information is being added to the [2016 bond section](#) of the district website each week. This week, we've added a video tour of Kirk Elementary, one of the aging schools included in the bond measure.

If you have specific questions about the bond measure not answered on those pages, use the [Let's Talk](#) online form to submit your question and get an answer. Answers to the most commonly asked questions will be answered in a Bond Blog starting next week.

Ready Start Preschool Program accepting applications

Looking for a preschool option? Lake Washington School District's [Ready Start Preschool Program](#) will begin accepting tuition-based applications for the 2016-17 school year on **March 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration takes place at the LWSD Resource Center.** After March 30, applications will be accepted on any school day from 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

If more children than can be accommodated are registered for any one location or session (a.m. or p.m.), a lottery will be held April 4 to determine the students in those classes. Lottery results will be announced by the end of April.

Advanced Placement (AP) Exam registration period begins soon

Advanced Placement (AP) Exam registration starts **Monday, March 14, and runs through Friday, March 18.** Students will receive registration materials in their AP classes. If your student is enrolled in an AP class, please remind him/her to sign up by the end of the last lunch on March 18 to be able to take the exam. AP Examination Dates are May 2-20. For specific testing information, visit the [College Board AP Central website](#).

Local sports stars to speak at Lake Washington Schools Foundation spring events

Lake Washington Schools Foundation has announced speakers for its annual spring fundraising events. Former Seattle Seahawk and Pro Football Hall of Famer Walter Jones is the highlighted speaker for the Spring for Learning Luncheon on April 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Jones has two students in the Lake Washington School District.

Seattle Sounders Coach Sigi Schmid will speak at the Spring for Learning Breakfast scheduled for April 27 from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Schmid is the winningest coach in Major League Soccer (MLS) history. Schmid's niece graduated from a Lake Washington

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[Seven high school students selected as candidates for U.S. Presidential Scholars Program](#)

Seven LWSD students have been selected as candidates for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. Seventy-two students from around the state are candidates. These students will now complete applications for the chance to become Presidential Scholars. [Read more.](#)

[LWSD well-represented at Washington Music Educators Association competitions](#)

Fourteen musicians will represent Lake Washington School District at the state Washington Music Educators Association competition in April. Another 43 musicians were selected as alternates at the 2016 WMEA Northlake Region Solo and Ensemble Contest on Feb. 6 at Woodinville High School. The Northlake Region covers all of the Lake Washington and Northshore schools and any private schools located within the districts. The state competition is April 29-30 at Central Washington University in Ellensburg.

[See the full list, here.](#)

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School District high school in 2013 and he has a nephew in the district.

The Lake Washington Schools Foundation will host its 11th annual fundraising events at the Redmond Town Center Marriott Hotel. Register to attend or donate to support the event at www.lwsf.org or call (425) 936-1414 to be a table captain, corporate partner or volunteer to help make the event a success.

Research shows school facilities affect learning

According to a 2002 [research review by the National Clearinghouse for Educational Facilities](#), school buildings themselves have an effect on academic outcomes. Specifically, they found "School facilities affect learning. Spatial configurations, noise, heat, cold, light, and air quality obviously bear on students' and teachers' ability to perform."

Among other research, the [Collaborative for High Performing Schools](#) (CHPS) cites a recent study of school districts in California, Washington and Colorado that indicated a strong correlation between increased access to daylight and improved student performance.

The Long Term Facilities Planning Task Force recommended that the district consider strategies that improve the ability of a school to provide educational performance over the long-term. They noted that the district should "continue to leverage natural light (as required by the state) and other concepts proven to have a positive impact on learning environment." That recommendation will be followed in designs for the projects in the April bond measure. See Appendix I of the [Task Force report](#) for more research on how school buildings can affect learning.

Safety Spotlight: How Lake Washington School District partners with local police

LWSD partners with the Kirkland, Redmond and Sammamish Police Departments and King County Sheriff's office to help ensure the safety of all students and staff.

LWSD also holds monthly Safety Advisory Committee meetings that include district and school representatives, parents and representatives from our police partners. We also have School Resource Officers (SROs) from each of these organizations, with a total of six full-time and two part-time SROs serving our schools.

These partnerships allow for excellent communication during an emergency. Police departments have regular access to our school buildings, so they are familiar with our facilities, staff and students.

By holding regular meetings with our representatives, LWSD can partner with the police agencies to ensure that our crisis response plans are current with best practices.

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