

Construction Updates

Lake Washington School District



February 2021



In its recommendations, the Facilities Advisory Committee prioritized building additional capacity at all levels and rebuilding and/or expanding aging schools such as Kamiakin Middle School and Alcott Elementary School (pictured here).

Facilities Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the Board after yearlong process

After more than a year of work, the LWSD [Facilities Advisory Committee](#) (FAC) addressed the Board on January 25 during its regular meeting. The FAC was tasked with making recommendations to accommodate the District's rapid enrollment growth and continue to provide quality learning environments. The Board will use the recommendations to determine next steps, which could include sending a funding measure to voters in 2022.

You can see the final recommendations report and the FAC's presentation to the Board here:

- [Recommendations Report](#)
- [FAC presentation to the Board](#)

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Building on Success Progress Report in your mailbox

2020-2021
Lake Washington School District
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Rebuilt Juanita High School completed one year early

When voters approved a bond in 2016, the district expected Juanita High School would be complete in fall 2021. Thanks to a phased construction approach, Phase I opened in fall 2019 and the full school opened in fall 2020. Completing construction one year ahead of schedule saved in labor costs and price escalation.

Principal Kelly Clapp said the new school allows staff to better serve students. For example, students can collaborate on class projects in shared learning spaces while teachers provide individual instruction and supervision from neighboring classrooms.

The rebuilt and enlarged school has a capacity of 1,800 students. The three-story, circular design encourages connection and community in spaces such as the commons and library. The teaching spaces include general classrooms as well as classrooms for science, art, Career and Technical Education (CTE), music and special education.

2016 BOND - Thank you, voters!

The welcoming entry to Juanita High School. By utilizing GC/CM contracting, the district was able to work with a contractor and our Design and Construction Advisory Committee early in the design process to create a plan that allowed construction to be completed one year early.

Community designers will enjoy a contemporary Performing Arts Center, which seats 425 people.

The three-story Juanita High School is built around a center courtyard with outdoor seating and gathering options.

Phase 2 of Juanita High School includes general classrooms as well as art and CTE classrooms.

Previously Completed Projects

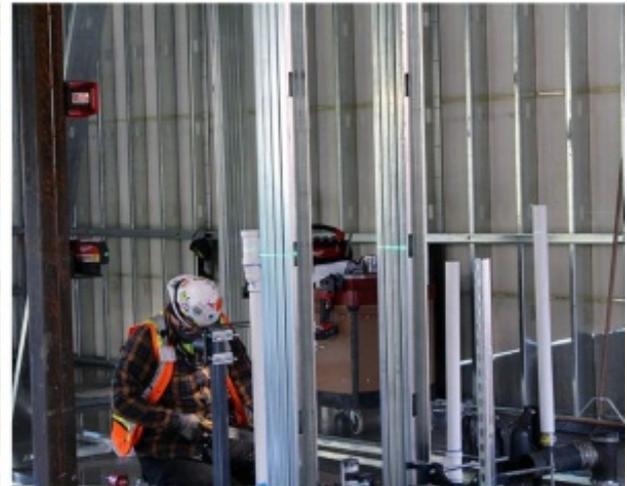
Completed in 2017	Completed in 2018	Completed in 2019
Explores Community School (five modular campus; Redmond)	Ella Baker Elementary (Redmond Ridge)	Margaret Mead Elementary (Rebuilt and Enlarged) (Summerville)
	Clara Barton Elementary (Redmond)	Peter Kirk Elementary (Rebuilt and Enlarged) (Kirkland)
		Timberline Middle School (Redmond Ridge)

"It is with gratitude that we recognize the unflinching commitment of our community to our students and staff. With your continued support, Lake Washington School District will continue Building on Success."
— Dr. Jan Holmen, Superintendent

Homes around the district received LWSD's Building on Success progress newsletter in their mailboxes in February. If you missed it, you can [view the digital version](#), which includes these updates:

- Rebuilt Juanita High School completed one year early
- 20-classroom addition complete at Lake Washington High School
- Old Redmond Schoolhouse is a school once again
- Elementary additions begin to take shape
- Building on Success Financial Update
- Safety during COVID-19

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Rose Hill Elementary addition takes shape

Since late November, when workers completed steel installation, the exterior view of the addition at **Rose Hill Elementary** has been changing rapidly. The project will add eight classrooms to the school. Inside the addition, interior framing has begun and the addition will soon have a roof to keep out the rain.

See more [construction photos](#) and watch a [slideshow of steel installation](#) at the three Kirkland elementary school additions.

Rose Hill Elementary
addition



Exterior of Benjamin Franklin addition nearly enclosed

Two pods of four classrooms at **Benjamin Franklin Elementary** will soon blend in with the rest of the school as block installation is completed. Inside the eight-classroom addition, installation of mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems has begun. After roofing is complete to protect the building from moisture, work on interior classrooms will go into high gear.

The project reached a milestone in December when crews completed steel installation. See more [construction photos](#) and watch a [slideshow of steel installation](#) at the three Kirkland elementary school additions.

Benjamin Franklin Elementary addition



Out of sight, but new classrooms are under construction at Mark Twain Elementary

Inside **Mark Twain Elementary**, the former library is transforming into four new classrooms and a shared learning space. Outside, a new library is taking shape. Steel was completed in December and utility installation has begun. The library addition will soon have a roof to keep it dry during interior construction activities.

See more [construction photos](#) and watch a [slideshow of steel installation](#) at the three Kirkland elementary school additions.

Mark Twain Elementary addition



Steel complete at LWHS gymnasium

The auxiliary gymnasium construction is on schedule at Lake Washington High School. An expanded locker room was completed in December in the main gymnasium next door in order to provide additional capacity for student athletics and PE classes.

Construction crews finished steel installation for the new auxiliary gymnasium in January. Roof decking is nearly complete and exterior framing has begun. The gym will open in fall 2021.

Lake Washington High
School



Entrance modifications complete at LWHS and RHS

Visitors to LWSD's high schools will now enter directly into the main office, thanks to funding from the 2019 capital projects levy. The modifications will increase security at three schools that required modifications. The modifications incorporate the entry control system found at other LWSD entrances.

Modifications at **Lake Washington High School** were completed in the fall and construction on the **Redmond High School** entrance was completed this winter. Construction at **Eastlake High School** is scheduled to be complete in fall 2021.

2016 Bond Project Updates



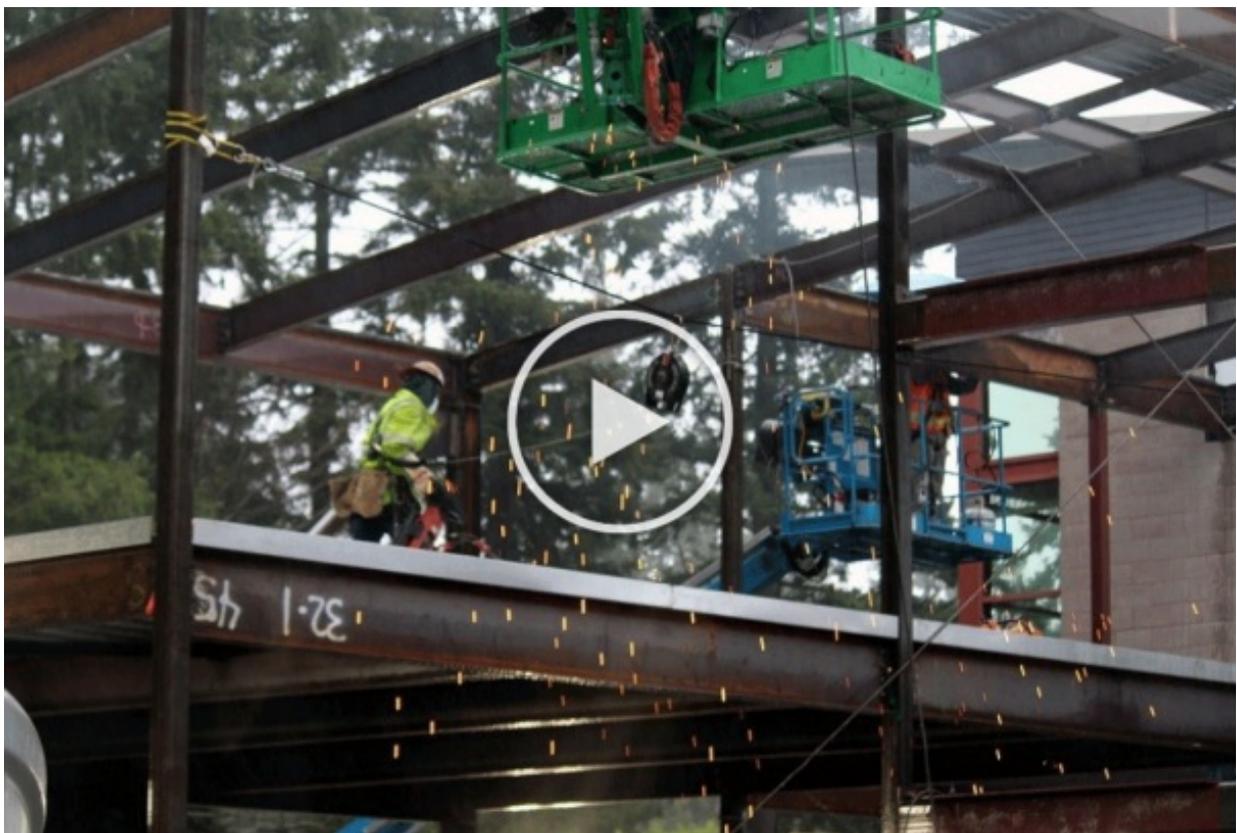
Work begins on tennis courts and fields at JHS

The softball, baseball and multipurpose fields at **Juanita High School** are

being upgraded to a synthetic turf surface. The full project is scheduled to be complete by this summer.

Grading for the new tennis courts is now complete and concrete is scheduled for later in February. The tennis courts are expected to open for student use in March, and to be fully complete by May 2021. These improvements are being funded by our [2018 Capital Projects Levy](#) and [2016 Bond](#) program.

Juanita High School



Building on Success: A Year in Review 2020

School openings looked a little different in 2020. Grand Opening celebrations with students have been postponed, but Lake Washington School District staff and students with special needs are enjoying their new spaces for teaching and learning. [Enjoy these images](#) from our new schools and construction projects, taken in 2020.

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