

Construction Updates

Lake Washington School District



June 2021

Virtual Information Session



Construction set to begin this summer on Rachel Carson Elementary addition

As growth continues on the Sammamish Plateau, Lake Washington School District is set to begin construction this summer on a four-classroom addition at **Rachel Carson Elementary**.

In April 2019, voters approved a capital construction levy to provide classroom space for 1,052 students. Carson's new addition will open in fall 2022. Additions at three other elementary schools funded by the levy will open in fall 2021 and an addition at Lake Washington High School opened in fall 2020.

Visit our [website](#) to see designs, construction schedules, site logistics and safety plan for the Carson addition. You can also sign up for "[Building on Success – Rachel Carson Elementary](#)" email updates or ask a question in [Let's Talk!](#)

Carson Addition Virtual Information Session

Planning for the Future

District purchases Redmond property for future school

On May 4, LWSD closed on a 25-acre property in Redmond, which was formerly owned by Cadman. The site is within King County's Urban Growth Boundary and adjacent to a growing residential neighborhood.



LWSD will require a future bond or levy to fund the construction of educational facilities on this property.

“The purchase of this property is a unique opportunity to plan for the future needs of Lake Washington School District,” said Dr. Jon Holmen, Superintendent. “It is rare to find a property of this size within the Urban Growth Boundary, and the potential uses will greatly benefit our students, families and the community.”

The district will use Capital Project proceeds from the sale of district property and remaining funds from the April 2016 bonds projects to fund the \$40 million acquisition cost of Park 188. The district appreciates Cadman and the community's support of our students and schools.

[Learn more about this purchase on the district website.](#)

2019 Capital Construction Levy Updates



Eastlake High School entrance modification enhances safety and security

Visitors at **Eastlake High School** (EHS) and other LWSD high schools will now enter directly into the main office, thanks to funding from the 2019 capital construction levy. Construction at EHS was completed in April. The modifications improved safety and security by incorporating the entry control system found at other LWSD schools.

Modifications at **Lake Washington High School** were completed in October 2020 and construction on the **Redmond High School** entrance was completed in December 2020.

Three schools will have additional permanent classrooms this fall

Construction is on track at three Kirkland elementary school additions, which are scheduled to open in the fall. Benjamin Franklin Elementary, Rose Hill Elementary and Mark Twain Elementary all have current construction projects underway.

The district will also begin Phase 2 at the schools this summer. Phase 2 will build more core space in the gym/commons additions to support a larger student population.

Benjamin Franklin Elementary



At **Benjamin Franklin Elementary**, classrooms are beginning to come together with casework installation and ceiling tiles. Shared learning areas in each pod are within sight of classrooms, and windows let in natural light as well as a view of the mature evergreen trees nearby. Lighting installation will start soon in the eight-classroom addition.

Benjamin Franklin Elementary addition

Rose Hill Elementary



Installation of operable windows at the **Rose Hill Elementary** addition will begin soon. The windows allow teachers to open the window to bring fresh air into the classroom. Both floors in the addition will also have restrooms near the original building. The black-and-white stripe from the original building continues around the addition, representing the school's raccoon mascot. The school will have eight additional permanent classrooms when school begins in the fall.

[Rose Hill Elementary addition](#)

Mark Twain Elementary



A new covered play area and library will greet students when they arrive for the first day of school in the fall at **Mark Twain Elementary**. Relocating the library and play area allowed designers to make room for an additional four permanent classrooms at the school, which will also open this fall. Workers have begun to install casework in the classrooms and ceiling tile installation is nearly complete.

Mark Twain Elementary addition



LWHS auxiliary gym will provide more PE space next year

Workers are in the process of installing the wood floor at the new auxiliary gymnasium at **Lake Washington High School**. Sprinkler and electrical installation have begun and interior painting is underway. The school will be able to start using the gym for physical education classes and other athletic needs in the fall.

Lake Washington High School

Financial Update

In April 2019, voters approved a capital construction levy that is providing \$120 million in funding, collected over six years. These funds, combined with state construction assistance funds, will provide a total of \$144 million. As of March 2021, \$73 million has been spent on these levy projects:

2019 CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION LEVY

\$144 million
TOTAL REVENUE

\$24 million
State construction
assistance funds,
bond funds

\$120 million
Six-year capital
construction levy
funds

Classroom additions and additional core facilities

- **Lake Washington High School**
 - *Completed Fall 2020:* 20-classroom addition and commons addition
 - *Scheduled completion Fall 2021:* Auxiliary gymnasium
- **Franklin Elementary**
 - *Scheduled completion Fall 2021:* Eight-classroom addition
 - *Scheduled completion Fall 2022:* Core space addition
- **Rose Hill Elementary**
 - *Scheduled completion Fall 2021:* Eight-classroom addition
 - *Scheduled completion Fall 2022:* Core space addition
- **Twain Elementary**
 - *Scheduled completion Fall 2021:* Four-classroom addition
 - *Scheduled completion Fall 2022:* Core space addition
- **Rachel Carson Elementary**
 - *Scheduled completion Fall 2022:* Four-classroom addition
 - *Scheduled completion Fall 2023:* Core space addition

Safety and Security

- *Completed Fall 2020:* Exterior security cameras at all elementary schools
- *Completed Spring 2021:* Remodeled entryways at **Eastlake High School**, **Lake Washington High School** and **Redmond High School** and implementation of entry control systems consistent with other district schools.

To have immediate funds for these critical capacity projects, the district completed a Limited General Obligation bond sale for \$75 million in May 2020. Bonds will be paid back over the next five years with proceeds from the 2019 levy.



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