

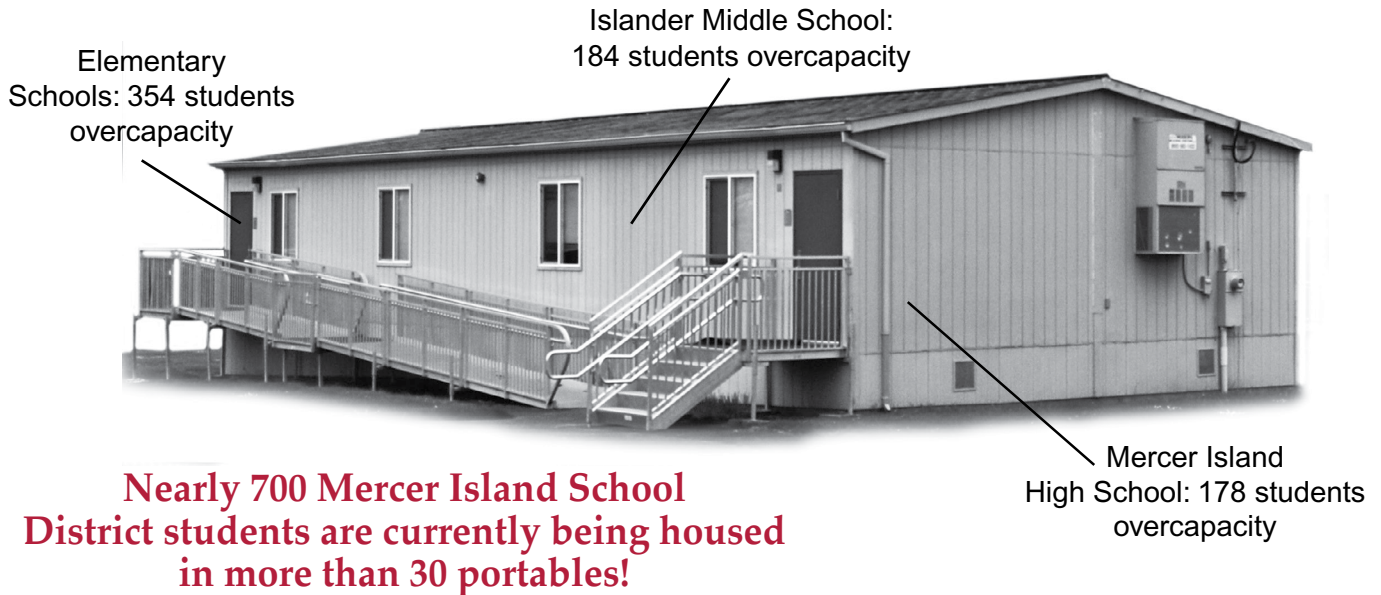


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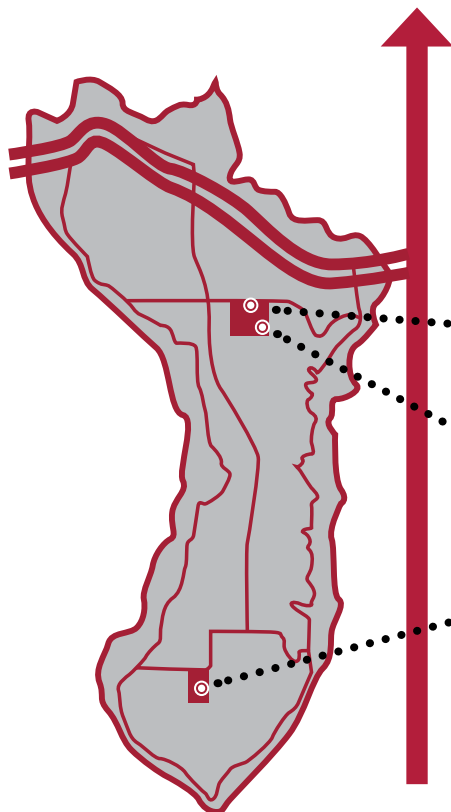
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MERCER ISLAND SCHOOLS ARE OVERCROWDED!

This year Mercer Island schools had nearly 700 students in more than 30 portable classrooms. The problem is most acute at our elementary schools where 23 portables—essentially an entire school—are in temporary classrooms. Growth projections for the Mercer Island School District show strong enrollment growth for the foreseeable future. In simple words, Mercer Island Schools are overcrowded and not likely to get better!



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OVERCROWDING SOLUTIONS

Following more than a year of extensive outreach, the school board has reached a consensus on the following solutions for our overcrowding. This direction has shown to have the highest level of community support along with solving the overcrowded facilities for all grades.

• Build a new 4th K – 5 elementary school on district-owned land near the high school at Southeast 40th Street and 86th Avenue Southeast.

COST: \$30.4 MILLION

• Expand the existing high school by adding eight to ten additional classroom spaces including science labs.

COST: \$6.7 MILLION

• Expand the existing Islander Middle School campus, including 14 new classrooms, larger student commons area and a new gymnasium.

COST: \$33.2 MILLION

TOTAL COST: \$70.3 MILLION

~to be financed by a possible bond.

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The school board wants to hear what you think about the solutions and new school designs that are currently being developed to address overcrowding. There are a range of ways to get involved and give your feedback!

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ATTEND A LISTENING SESSION:

Topic: *New Elementary School
& High School Expansion*

May 22, June 19 and August 28
7:00–8:30 pm

North Campus Gymnasium
(near Youth Theatre Northwest)

Topic: *Middle School Expansion*

May 21, June 20 and August 27
7:00–8:30 pm

Islander Middle School Multi-Purpose Room

ONLINE FEEDBACK:

We've set up a special webpage on the district website to provide feedback at www.mercerislandschools.org/domain/34

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS:

The school board meets generally on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Come to a school board meeting and share your ideas.

TIMELINE

Spring/Summer 2013:

Community outreach and analysis, public forums, online feedback, community presentations.

Educational Specifications
Process to include architectural drawings and cost estimates

Financing proposal

Fall 2013:

Board decision on submitting bond measure

2014:

PUBLIC VOTE