



Lake Washington School District is

New middle school opens at Redmond Ridge



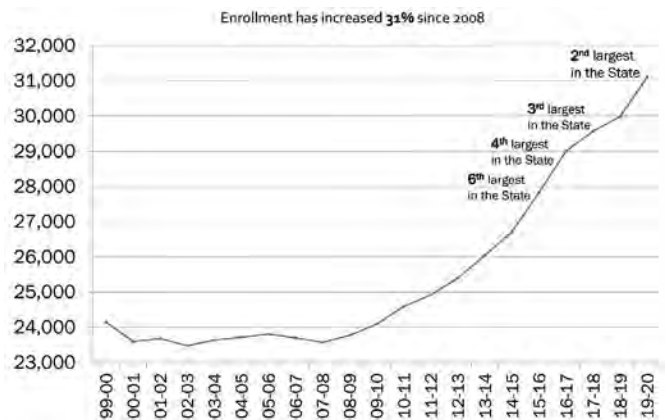
Thank you, voters!

Timberline Middle School at Redmond Ridge is Lake Washington School District's newest school. It has a capacity of 900 students.

The Timberline Middle School Timberwolves are creating a school culture around the PACK Way: Practice Resilience, Act with Integrity, Care for Others, Keep Safety First.

The school celebrated its Grand Opening on October 11 with performances from the band and dance team.

Principal Heidi Paul wanted students to know they will ultimately set the direction for the school. "As we navigate this school year, I challenge you to look for small moments to do great things," she said. "That is what will define this great school and the Timberline Timberwolves." See more photos at <http://bit.ly/LWSD-TMS>.



Ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new Timberline Middle School in October 2019.

LWSD climbs to 2nd largest district in state

Four years ago, Lake Washington School District (LWSD) was the sixth largest school district in the state. This year, LWSD became the second largest school district in the state. LWSD's official student enrollment as of October 1, 2019, was 31,106 students. This is 1,124 more students than in 2018. LWSD has grown 31% since 2008, and growth is expected to continue.



Grand Opening: Margaret Mead Elementary Rebuild & Enlarge (Sammamish)

You could feel the excitement of more than 600 students at Margaret Mead Elementary on November 14. Even before two Seahawks Dancers led students in a cheer, students were singing and clapping to greet arriving guests. The Grand Opening of the rebuilt and enlarged school was also a celebration of the school's 40th anniversary. Retired teachers were honored guests.

Principal Sandy Klein said the school has collaborative spaces, natural light and vibrant colors that make everyone feel at home.

Siri Bliesner, LWSD School Board President, thanked the community for their support, which will "ensure a welcoming and inclusive environment for all our kids for years to come."

See more photos at <http://bit.ly/MeadElem>.



Two friends were excited to see each other during Mead Elementary's Meet and Greet on August 30. It was the first opportunity for families to see the new building.

LWSD receives sustainability award



In May 2019, LWSD received a 2019 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School District Sustainability Award. The award recognizes districts and schools that reduce environmental impact and costs, improve health and wellness, and provide effective environmental and sustainability education.

LWSD is teaching today's students about sustainability, while using green building practices to construct the schools of tomorrow. By 2020, 27 percent of district schools' heating will come from high-efficiency geothermal sources. Learn more: lwsd.org/sustainability.

2019 Capital Levy Update

Thank you, voters, for passing a Capital Projects Levy in April 2019 to provide funds for critical capacity needs. LWSD has begun planning and design for additions and core facilities at four elementary schools.

Construction has already started on the 20-classroom addition at Lake Washington High School. The last steel beam was placed during a topping out ceremony on December 4.

The levy is also funding safety and security upgrades such as exterior cameras and modified entrances at high schools.

The work of long-range planning for future critical capacity work continues. LWSD has convened a Facilities Advisory Committee to make recommendations on future facilities needs across the district. The committee will meet throughout the 2019-20 school year and plans to make recommendations to the School Board in June 2020.



Students signed the last beam before workers lifted it to the top of the two-story structure. The addition will open in fall 2020. More photos: <http://bit.ly/LWHSaddition>



Grand Opening: Peter Kirk Elementary Rebuild & Enlarge (Kirkland)

“Thank you!” exclaimed students at Peter Kirk Elementary School during a Grand Opening Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting on October 24.

Principal Monica Garcia told the students, “All the people in the room here came together for you. People you will never meet came together for you. Because you matter.” The rebuilt and enlarged school was approved by voters in 2016 and has space for 690 students.

Students shared what they like best about their new school, including more space to read and play. They also enjoy eating lunch with their friends in the cafeteria. Previously, students ate lunch in their classrooms.

In October, the school hosted guests from the U.S. Department of Education during its Green Strides Tour in Washington state, which recognized schools and districts for their commitment to sustainability. See more photos at <http://bit.ly/PeterKirk>.



Kirk team receives Masonry Award

On November 8, Peter Kirk Elementary School received first place for block masonry in the Excellence in Masonry Awards 2019 from the Masonry Institute of Washington.

Kirk designers selected concrete masonry as the primary exterior finish of the new school. The decision provided a savings of 30% over other materials. Concrete masonry units will also provide the school with long-term durability. A complete list of awards was published in the Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce.



Brick repair work.

Old Redmond Schoolhouse

10 preschool classrooms opening in fall 2020

In spring 2019, LWSD determined — with the help of the project contractor and a third-party analysis — that additional work was necessary to maintain the exterior of Old Redmond Schoolhouse and ensure the building is secure from moisture.

This delayed the opening of the building by one year, to fall 2020.

Workers have been replacing the roof, repairing brick and mortar, repairing windows and window casings, and adding new siding to non-masonry exterior walls.

Interior improvements are continuing for 10 preschool classrooms. These programs support the needs of typically developing and special education preschoolers. The city of Redmond will continue to lease part of the building when it opens.



Classroom interior.

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The first phase of Juanita High School opened for students and staff in September 2019. The library, Performing Arts Center, commons and some instructional spaces are complete. An additional instructional wing will open in September 2020. To see more photos and videos, visit: www.lwsd.org/jhs-rebuild.

Opening in Fall 2020: Juanita High School Rebuild & Enlarge

Community visits Phase 1 during Open House

Student volunteers and district staff answered questions about Phase 1 of Juanita High School during a community Open House on Saturday, October 26.

While students attend Phase 1 of the new Juanita High School, construction on Phase 2 is in full swing. The entire school will open in fall 2020.



"We are grateful for the ongoing support of our entire school district community as we continue to address the needs related to our rapidly growing student population."

— Dr. Jane Stavem, Superintendent

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Keeping our Promises



In 2016, voters overwhelmingly approved the \$398 million bond program. With impact fees and state construction assistance, we anticipated \$429 million in total revenues for eight construction projects with no tax increase for constituents. All voter-approved bonds were sold as of November 2018. District bonds receive the highest credit rating assigned to any school district in the state, which helps keep interest rates low. Claims for planned state assistance will occur over the next two years as the state provides those funds after the project is completed.

With six of our eight bond projects now occupied by students, we are within our planned program budget, despite cost escalation and a competitive construction environment. The additional improvements for Old Redmond Schoolhouse are being funded with higher than expected investment earnings and impact fees that have been collected.

Planning to meet our facilities needs continues. A Facilities Advisory Committee began meeting in November to draft recommendations for the future. Thank you, voters, for continuing to support our growing student population.

Let's Talk!

LET'S TALK! is an online tool that enables you to communicate directly with our construction team: www.lwsd.org/BuildingOnSuccess.