



A Dedication of

Stanton Academy

September 20, 2012



YAKIMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

~ Our History ~

The Yakima School District Alternatives Program began in 1969 with one class taught by Lawrence Countryman, a teacher at A.C. Davis High School. In the late 1970's, there were enough alternative classes being offered for secondary school students that the alternatives program was relocated to the Madison School on Fourth Street. As a result of a district facilities study, the Madison building was sold and, in 1987, the alternatives program was relocated to the Union Gap Stanton property located at 901 West Whitman.

That building, formerly Stanton Elementary School, was built in 1955 by the Broadway School District. Stanton Elementary School was named for one of that school district's most distinguished teachers, Florence Stanton. Mrs. Stanton came to the Yakima Valley from Wisconsin with her parents in 1889, the year Washington became a state. She attended Woodcock Academy in Ahtanum and Ellensburg Normal School. Mrs. Stanton was active in several historical interest societies. In 1987, the school became part of the Yakima School District.

In 2009, Yakima voters passed a \$114 million bond issue with a nearly 70% approval rate. State matching funds brought the total to more than \$218 million to go towards the replacement of Eisenhower High School, modernization of Davis High School, and extensive work at four elementary schools and Stanton Academy. Over the next year, the school board determined it would be best to relocate Stanton into the City of Yakima and within the Yakima School District boundaries. Property was purchased at 802 River Road and additional district funds were allocated for construction of a new Stanton Academy at that site. The new school was built at a total cost of about \$12.6 million and officially opened on August 29, 2012.

The design of the new Stanton provides more space, increased technology, and flexibility for expansion, as well as heightened security. Stanton Academy opened its doors this fall with 40 staff members, including 18 teachers, and more than 300 students.

“When I first walked in, like pretty much, it was ‘Wow!’ I wasn’t expecting as much. You see the outside and how nice it is and it makes you want to go inside. Once you get in, the classrooms are a lot bigger, and we have new technology.”

*- Shane Gillette, Stanton Academy Student
(Yakima Herald-Republic, August 26, 2012)*

~ Our Honored Guests ~

Yakima School Board

Martha Rice, *President*

John Vornbrock, *Vice President*

Raymond Navarro, Jr.

Walt Ranta

Graciela Villanueva

Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Elaine Beraza

Deputy Superintendent

Dr. Jack Irion

Associate Superintendent

Cecilia “Cece” Mahre

Assistant Superintendent

Scott Izutsu

Construction & Planning Principal

Jim Wright

Yakima Citizens’ Bond Committee

Paul & Kristy Larson, *Co-Chairs*

Loofburrow Wetch Architects

Dick Loofburrow

Gary Wetch

Colby Ricks

Carol Brandt

G.H. Moen, LLC

Donald G. Moen

Michael Moen

Stanton Principal

Clinton Endicott

Dean of Students

Rod Bryant

“We are just thrilled with our new school. It truly demonstrates our pride and reflects the value we place on our students.”

- Clinton Endicott, Stanton Academy Principal

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Welcome Clinton Endicott, *Principal*

Pledge of Allegiance Brenda Muñoz, *Student*

Acknowledgements & Recognition Dr. Elaine Beraza, *Superintendent of Special Guests*

Special Remarks..... Paul Larson, *Co-Chair*
2009 Citizens’ Bond Committee

Dedication Martha Rice, *President Board of Directors*

Presentation..... Clinton Endicott, *Principal*

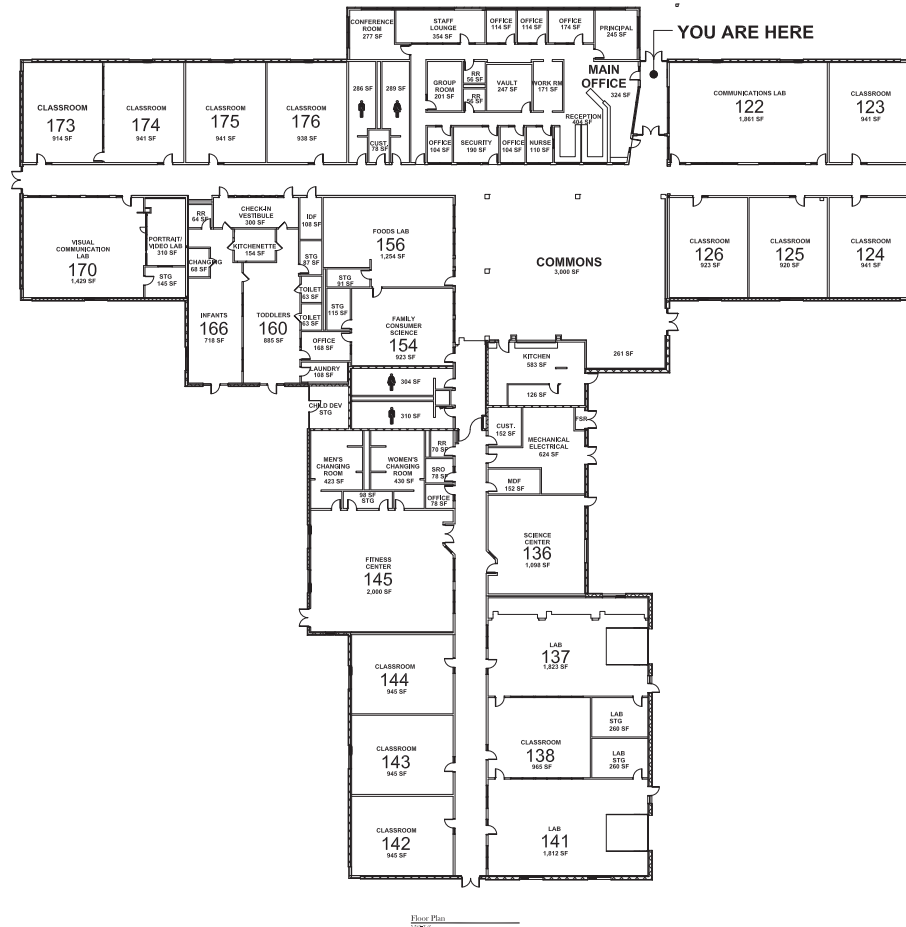
Closing Remarks/Passing of the Key Dr. Elaine Beraza, *Superintendent*

Open House/Tour of School

Stanton Academy Vision

“Beginning with the end in mind . . .”

~ Map of Building ~



~ Classroom Locations ~

<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Room</i>
Cynthia Crawford	126
Kathleen Hamilton	136
Eugene Holmes	170
Whitney Kyger	175
Jon Lang	173
Tim Lee	145
Angie Lyden	123
Dale Mapes	138 & 141
Isael Marines	144 & 137
Jennifer Mickle	124
Jeanne Noble	176
Alice O'Brien	142
Terri Phillips	154
Nate Sutton	143
Jayne Walsh	156
Holli Wolcott	122

“We love working with our students in different and unique ways and this amazing new campus, with access to cutting-edge technology in a comfortable learning environment, gives us so many options to better prepare them for their future. I’m so excited to be a part of this new phase of excellence at Stanton Academy!”

- Holli Wolcott, Stanton Academy Teacher

“Paul and I are so thoroughly impressed with the new facility. I am especially amazed at not only how great everything looks, but also how much thought went into making the building so functional for the students. Thank you for using our tax dollars so well!”

- Kristy Larson, 2009 Citizens’ Bond Committee Co-Chair