

# Friends & Neighbors



LAKEWOOD  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Sharing news from our schools that every community member should know....

From Superintendent Scott Peacock to you.



## Lakewood Schools Expand In-person Learning

Transmission rates of COVID-19 have continued to increase sharply over the previous several weeks. These increases have prevented our district from bringing elementary grades back to school in-person. Our goal to bring K-2 students back on November 9th has been placed on hold per Snohomish County Health District guidance. Yet we have made progress.

Since the start of the school year, we have been returning students who need intensive supports back to school for in-person learning. As of next week, we will have identified roughly 250 students for individual and small-group instruction that supplements their classes in Distance Learning 2.0. Seeing kids in school has been a joy to our staff.

We have taken several major steps to ensure the safety of students and staff meeting in-person. These include the full range of PPE and training recommended by the Department of Health, upgrades to air filtration systems, CDC approved cleaning equipment and protocols, daily health check procedures and, social-distancing protocols.

Our team is committed to ensuring that when we can safely return to in-person learning, we will be ready. We continue to make all the necessary preparations. We want our students and staff to return to school as soon as possible, as safely as possible.

## An Invitation to Community Conversations

As a follow-up to the last edition of this newsletter, I am continuing to extend invitations for community conversations. This is particularly important to me and to the future of our district.

My interest is in listening and learning from you, our community members. A conversation would:

- Be either in the form of a Zoom session or in-person gathering (of no more than five people) the format is your choice
- Last for approximately one hour, though it could be longer
- Include participants identified by the individual who signs up
- Focus on the following questions:
  1. What do you think is going well in Lakewood? What are you proud of?
  2. What challenges do you see? What worries you about schools?
  3. How can the district engage you in the future? What will help you to be connected?

If you are interested in signing up for and identifying 3-4 other people for a conversation, please call my assistant, Sophia Deogun at 360-652-4500 or email [sdeogun@lwsd.wednet.edu](mailto:sdeogun@lwsd.wednet.edu).



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## Update on the Operations and Support Services Addition

As you may recall, our district is building a 2550 sq. feet addition to our current Transportation Building. This will be entirely paid for using construction funds provided by the State of Washington. With this addition, we will have a new Support Services Center for our Transportation and Facilities departments.

This addition will allow our Transportation Department to have full use of their current bus bays to provide ongoing maintenance to our district vehicles. It will provide for much-needed updates in the utilities and employee shared spaces, such as restrooms, staff/meeting rooms, and workspaces.

The new addition will also provide space for our Facilities Department to access a workshop, storage, workspaces, and new restrooms.



These accommodations are much-needed. Since the start of the STEM lab project (completed last spring), our Facilities Department has been working out of a bay in the bus garage. This is not a sustainable model for the maintenance of our facilities or vehicles.

The total cost is projected at \$1.6 million, using state-match funds provided only for capital projects/construction. The project is scheduled to be completed in June 2022.

This is the only construction project underway in our district at this time.

**Remember to Vote on November 03, 2020**

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