



# Lake Washington School District is

## Grand openings: Clara Barton & Ella Baker elementary schools



Ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the grand opening events for the new Clara Barton Elementary (left) and the new Ella Baker Elementary (right).

## New elementary schools designed to enhance learning, conserve natural resources

Lake Washington School District (LWSD) students in Redmond have a little more space to learn this year. Two new elementary schools opened in September: Ella Baker Elementary, located in the Redmond Ridge East Community (9595 Eastridge Drive NE, Redmond), and Clara Barton Elementary, located in North Redmond (12101 172nd Avenue NE, Redmond).

*“As the district continues to grow, we are building new schools, expanding opportunities, and improving our existing programs.”*

— Dr. Jane Stavem, Superintendent



These schools were approved by voters in 2016 and each school will provide additional space for 690 students.

The new schools are named after Ella Baker, a civil-rights leader and mentor, and Clara Barton, a teacher and founder of the American Red Cross. These two women made a difference by dedicating their lives to service — a cornerstone of learning stressed by the principals of each school, Kim Bilanko (Ella Baker) and Karen Barker (Clara Barton).

### Sustainable Building Features

- LED lighting inside and outside.
- Geothermal loops help keep the building comfortable. Water in the pipes warms (or cools) underground before returning to the surface. The heat is extracted to help control the temperature.
- Occupancy sensors turn lights off automatically.



Students, staff and parents celebrated the opening of their new school during a ceremony in October 2017.

## Explorer Community School

### New modular campus replaces aging portable classrooms

LWSD held its grand opening celebration and ribbon-cutting for Explorer Community School in October 2017. Four new modular classroom buildings — plus one new restroom building — replaced aging portables.

The choice school serves 75 elementary students. It is located on the Dickinson Elementary campus. The modular classrooms were built in Oregon and have earned awards for technical innovation, sustainability and energy efficiency.

# Opening in Fall 2019



From left: The last steel beam is placed in December 2017; an aerial view in October 2018; the classroom wing in May 2018. More photos: <http://bit.ly/LWSD-RRMS>

## New Middle School in Redmond Ridge

### Teachers begin planning to nurture student success

The new middle school at Redmond Ridge opens in less than one year. It is located at Redmond Ridge Drive NE & NE 99th Pl. A planning team of 15 teachers has started preparing for that first day. The school will accommodate up to 900 students when it opens in fall 2019.

In August, planning staff received their first tour of the school. Throughout the year, staff will meet to develop the school's culture. This early work will support students' academic needs and also nurture social and emotional skills. The planning principal, Heidi Paul, is working closely with the construction team and is providing feedback throughout the process.

The school (both inside and outside) will be lit with energy-efficient LED lights. Geothermal well drilling is complete under the future running track. A total of 166 holes were drilled to a depth of 300 feet — about the height of the Statue of Liberty. Geothermal technology is a cost-effective, sustainable way of maintaining temperature inside the school.

The building is designed with the needs of community users in mind. Restrooms are strategically placed within public areas of the school and gymnasium for easy access. The future running track and grass field are taking shape on the south end of the property.

## Margaret Mead Elementary Rebuild & Expand (Sammamish)



Students enjoy a demonstration of the construction equipment at Margaret Mead Elementary. The school opens in fall 2019. More photos: <http://bit.ly/MeadElem>

### Connecting the classroom to construction

Students at Margaret Mead Elementary are learning about the construction in their backyard. In June, contractors demonstrated equipment for students. Students were especially enthusiastic about having two flights of stairs, a new play area and a cafeteria (they currently eat in their classrooms).

Mead has a three-floor design that will allow the school to be built on a smaller building footprint with a capacity for 690 students. It will open in fall 2019.

## Peter Kirk Elementary Rebuild & Expand (Kirkland)



Students at Peter Kirk Elementary School celebrate the groundbreaking of their new school. More photos: <http://bit.ly/PeterKirk>

### Kirkland celebrates groundbreaking

"We are Peter Kirk!" Students sang enthusiastically during the ceremonial groundbreaking for Peter Kirk Elementary School on March 30.

Concrete floors have been installed and borings for geothermal wells are complete. A storm water vault will filter rain runoff. Steel assembly began this fall. Construction on the new school is in progress beside the existing building. The new building will have a capacity of 690 students. It will open in fall 2019.

## Old Redmond Schoolhouse

### New preschool classrooms opening Fall 2019

In 2015, the community Long-Term Facilities Task Force recommended the district remodel Old Redmond Schoolhouse to provide ten dedicated preschool classrooms. The additional preschool classrooms will free up much-needed K-5 classroom space at our neighborhood elementary schools.



Lake Washington School District has three preschool programs (Head Start, Ready Start and SNAPS) to support the needs of typically developing and special education preschool students inside district boundaries. Learn more: [www.lwsd.org/preschool](http://www.lwsd.org/preschool).



An interior remodel of Old Redmond Schoolhouse will provide 10 dedicated preschool classrooms. This will help free up space at other elementary schools.

Bids for the project were submitted in early October. A contractor for the project has been selected and interior renovations are expected to begin in November.

The City of Redmond will continue to lease a portion of the building when it opens in fall 2019.

## Opening in Fall 2020

### Juanita High School Rebuild & Enlarge

#### First phase of high school opens fall 2019

Juanita High School students returned to a changed campus for their first day of school on September 4. Students attend classes in what remains of their old building, as well as in 15 double-classroom portables. The safety of our students, staff and visitors is a top priority, and construction crews work to ensure that construction activities are separated from school activities.

The first phase of the new school building will open in one year. Masonry at the new Performing Arts Center is complete. Exterior work — including brick veneer and window installation — has begun on the classroom wing. Next summer, the rest of the old building will be demolished. The completed building will open to students in fall 2020. The school will have a capacity of 1,800 students. The pool and fieldhouse are not part of this project and will remain as-is.



The first phase of Juanita High School is taking shape next to the old building. The rest of the old building will be demolished in summer 2019. More photos: [www.lwsd.org/jhs-rebuild](http://www.lwsd.org/jhs-rebuild)



Exterior work — including brick veneer and window installation — has begun.



Concrete installation began in spring 2018 where part of the old building was demolished.



Roof installation is complete. The first phase of the new school building will open in one year.

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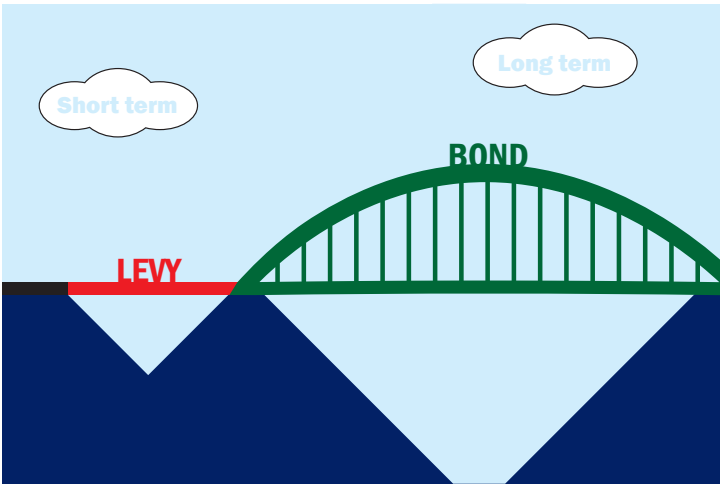
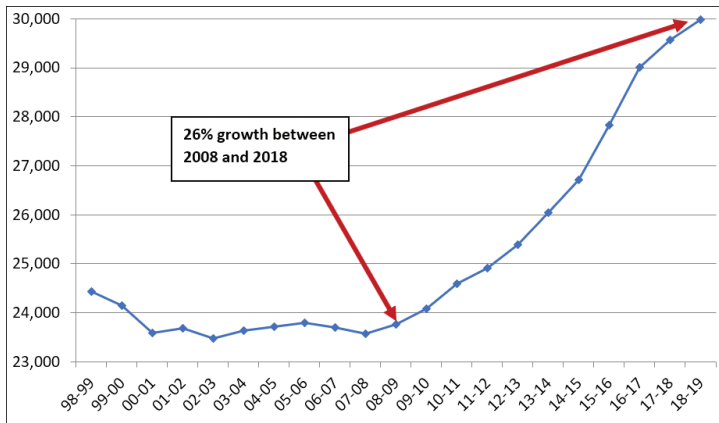
## Enrollment soars 26% in last decade as unprecedented growth continues

As of the October 1 official count, Lake Washington School District (LWSD) currently has 29,987 students. This represents 417 more students than last year's October 1 count.

For the last 10 years, from 2008 to 2018, the district's enrollment grew by approximately 620 students each year. That is the size of a large elementary school each year. A total of 6,218 more students are in LWSD schools today than 10 years ago, representing 26 percent growth.

Enrollment growth is forecast to continue. The district anticipates growing an additional 2,000 students in the next four years. These forecasts take into account the number of births in our area, current enrollment patterns and planned development within district borders.

LWSD students need additional space for student learning. Currently, LWSD relies heavily on portable classrooms to meet student space needs. There are 181 portable classrooms in the district, which is the equivalent of six elementary schools — 14 percent of the district's overall capacity.



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## Funding for short-term capacity needs

In 2014, LWSD formed a Long-Term Facilities Planning Task Force that included community members and school representatives. They spent nearly a year developing recommendations to reduce overcrowding and continue to provide quality learning environments. The recommendations became the basis for our long-term plan, "Building on Success."

Building on Success included the 2016 bond that funded the projects in this document. It also included three additional bonds: One in 2018, followed by two additional bonds in 2022 and 2026. By spacing out the measures, LWSD could build new schools without raising the tax rate.

The 2018 bond did not receive the required 60 percent voter approval necessary to pass. As a result, the district and the School Board are now reviewing short-term critical projects. The district met with the community Bond and Levy Advisory Committee to get feedback. The district has been working with the School Board to finalize a short-term plan to address our critical capacity needs over the next several years.

Funding for these projects will likely come in the form of a capital projects levy in the spring. The School Board will approve a final recommendation this fall.

**Learn More**

- More information about each project is available on the district website: [www.lwspd.org/BuildingOnSuccess](http://www.lwspd.org/BuildingOnSuccess).

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**Let's Talk!**

- **LET'S TALK!** is an online tool that enables you to communicate directly with the bond construction team: [www.lwspd.org/BuildingOnSuccess](http://www.lwspd.org/BuildingOnSuccess)