

# Lake Washington School District is



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## Building on Success Progress Report

*Lake Washington School District (LWSD) is building on success. Through wise investment of taxpayer dollars, the district is committed to ensuring our students have room to grow and thrive in our schools for many years to come.*



Thank you,  
voters!

In April 2016, voters authorized a \$398 million bond measure that funds two new elementary schools, one new middle school, the rebuild and expansion of one high school and two elementary schools, the replacement of aging portables with new modular units at one elementary school, and upgrades at one site for a preschool center. Future bonds planned for 2018, 2022 and 2026 will fund additional projects needed to serve the growing number of students in the district and to rebuild and enlarge aging facilities.

We want to keep you informed about our progress and demonstrate that we are delivering on the bond commitments that we made to you.

### Rapid District Enrollment Growth

Enrollment in Lake Washington School District (LWSD) is growing at a rapid rate. Since 2008, the district has grown by an average of 655 students each year. That's the size of a large elementary school each year. Over the past two years alone, enrollment has grown by over 1,000 students per year. Growth is expected to continue, meaning the district needs more classroom space to serve its ever-growing student population.

### Long-Term Vision and Plan

In 2014, LWSD formed a Long-Term Facilities Planning Task Force that included community members and representatives from each school. The Task Force reviewed the district's facility needs and developed recommendations to reduce overcrowding, accommodate growing enrollment, and continue to provide quality learning environments and experiences for our students. Staff and community members provided feedback throughout the nearly year-long process. The final Task Force recommendations were used to develop a long-term plan to build more schools and rebuild and enlarge existing schools. We call this long-term plan "Building on Success."

### Funding the Future Without Raising the Tax Rate

The 2016 bond addresses the most immediate needs identified by the Task Force. Future bonds planned for 2018, 2022 and 2026 will fund additional projects needed, which includes recommended school projects through the 2029-30 school year, without raising the tax rate.

### Experts Advise on Effective and Efficient Design and Construction

The Task Force recommended forming a committee of industry experts. The Design and Construction Advisory Committee, composed of leading experts from the architecture, construction and developer industries, reviews school design and construction plans. The team meets with LWSD staff and architects throughout the design process for each project to ensure alignment with the district's design standards, consider ways to reduce costs and recommend efficiency and effectiveness strategies.

### Community and Staff Participation is Key

For existing schools, a School Construction Input Team is formed that includes school staff and parents. This team works with district facilities staff, project architects and construction managers during the design process. The team develops design goals that reflect the identity of the school community. These goals, together with LWSD educational specifications, help inform the district and the architects in their work.

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Schools are at the heart of their communities, so families and other members of the public are encouraged to learn about and provide input on each project. Community meetings and Let's Talk, an online communication tool, enable project teams to hear feedback and respond to questions.

As each project is designed, the teams work with local and state-wide governments and agencies. Construction begins once a jurisdiction approves permits needed to build the school.

Just before work begins, neighbors that live near the school site are invited to a "Good Neighbor" meeting so they can ask questions and learn what to expect during construction. Topics include safety measures, work hours, noise levels, and haul routes.

## Boundary Process for New Schools in the Redmond Learning Community

As new schools are built, attendance boundaries must be adjusted. This past spring, the Redmond Boundary Committee was formed to analyze the attendance areas for the elementary and middle schools in the Redmond area. The committee is also analyzing high school attendance areas, given current and future projections. The committee will develop a final recommendation that will modify school attendance areas to:

- Redistribute students to existing schools
- Draw attendance boundaries for new schools
- Place district programs and choice schools

Throughout the process, the committee has developed scenarios and collected feedback from parents, staff and

community members. The committee is using this feedback to revise and develop scenarios. In September 2017, new scenarios will be shared and additional feedback will be collected from the community at open houses and online. In October 2017, the last set of scenarios will be shared online for feedback from families and community members. In November 2017 a final recommendation for boundary adjustments will be presented to the LWSD Board of Directors.

## Progress on School Projects

All schools funded by the 2016 bond are built to the district's educational specification standards. For elementary schools, this includes the following elements: 78,000 square feet, 30 standard classrooms, space for music, art/science, and space for services for special education and intervention programs. An outdoor covered play area is also included.

## Elementary Schools

Each new and rebuilt/expanded elementary school funded by the 2016 bond will accommodate up to 690 students at current class sizes.

### New Elementary School in North Redmond – Opens Fall 2018

172nd NE and NE 122nd, Redmond

This site has been cleared and graded, and utilities are being installed. Major underground storm water measures were in place in August. Planning principal Karen Barker is working to hire staff who will work with her to develop every aspect of the school. Her plan is to balance a rigorous academic experience with a focus on fostering students' servant leadership skills. Students will apply new skills through service projects within the local and global community. Principal Barker will also continue her duties at Dickinson Elementary and Explorer Community School through 2017-18.

### New Elementary School in Redmond Ridge East – Opens Fall 2018

Eastridge Drive NE, Redmond Ridge East

This site has been cleared and graded and major storm lines are complete. The footings are in place and the first batch of concrete was poured in early August. Geothermal technology (ground source) is in use on this and other sites including the new elementary schools in North Redmond, the middle school in Redmond Ridge, and at Juanita High School. Geothermal is a sustainable way to provide conditioned air for thermal comfort that reduces operational and maintenance costs.

Planning principal Kim Bilanko is busy preparing to open the school in September 2018. Her plan for the school includes an inclusive and nurturing environment that will develop global citizens through service-learning. Like Principal Barker, Principal Bilanko is working to hire staff for the school. She will continue to serve as principal of Rosa Parks Elementary for the 2017-18 school year.



Architect's drawing of the concept for the New Elementary school in North Redmond



Concrete pour at New Elementary School in Redmond Ridge



## **Peter Kirk Elementary School Rebuild and Expand – Opens Fall 2019**

1312 6th Street, Kirkland 98033

This project rebuilds and expands the existing elementary school and adds additional space to accommodate more students. The design process is underway and includes community involvement at each stage. The School Construction Input Team developed a vision that includes, among other factors, a student-friendly environment, a sustainable facility, vibrant, joyful spaces and a building that encourages collaboration and forward thinking. Students will continue to learn in the existing school while the new school is built. Detailed plans are in place for student and staff safety as well as managing noise and disruption. Construction begins in spring 2018.

## **Margaret Mead Elementary School Rebuild and Expand – Opens Fall 2019**

1725 216th Ave. NE, Sammamish 98074

The Mead School Construction Input Team worked closely with LWS D facilities staff and architects to develop a vision for the school. Mead will be the first three-story elementary school in the district. It will provide an improved learning setting, preserve natural habitat, and create efficiencies that maximize the effectiveness of taxpayer funds. All new and rebuilt elementary schools, including Mead, feature classrooms and common areas that provide natural light. Like at Kirk Elementary, students at Mead will remain on site during the construction period, which begins in spring 2018. The principals and teachers at both Peter Kirk and Margaret Mead schools will create learning opportunities based on construction facts provided by the Facility Services team.

## **Middle School**

### **New Middle School in Redmond Ridge – Opens Fall 2019**

Redmond Ridge Drive NE and NE 99th Place, Redmond Ridge

Construction began in spring 2017. Site clearing and grading are complete and utility installation for water, storm and sewer is underway. Framing for footings was constructed and concrete has been poured to create building foundations. Like the other new schools in Redmond, this site features geothermal wells. Geothermal technology is a sustainable way to provide conditioned air for thermal comfort in a way that reduces utility operation and maintenance costs.

## **High School**

### **Juanita High School Rebuild and Expand – Opens Fall 2020**

10601 NE 132nd Street, Kirkland 98034

The new 219,000-square-foot high school replaces the 1971 building and provides classroom space for more than 500 additional high school students.

Staff and community feedback during the design process resulted in a decision to build the new school in phases. This approach will allow use of the first portion of the new building beginning in the 2019-20 school year. Phasing also allows the school project to be completed in 2020, one year earlier than originally planned. Another benefit is that the library, kitchen and cafeteria will not be moved to temporary housing. These areas will remain at their present location until they are relocated to the new building. The administration wing was demolished in July 2017; a barrier wall will separate the remaining area from construction activity. A limited number of portable classroom buildings were placed on the tennis court. They will house administration and some classes during construction. No construction will take place between fall 2017 and spring 2018. For answers to frequently asked questions and a visual timeline, visit [www.lwsd.org/jhs-rebuild](http://www.lwsd.org/jhs-rebuild).



*Architect's drawing of the concept for the new Peter Kirk Elementary building*



*Architect's drawing of the concept for the new Margaret Mead Elementary building*



*Architect's drawing of the concept for the New Middle School in Redmond Ridge*



*Juanita High School demolition*

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## Other 2016 Bond Projects

### Explorer Community School: New modular buildings – Opened September 2017

7040 208th Ave. NE, Redmond 98053

Work was completed during the summer, and the school opened for students on September 5, 2017. Four new modular classroom buildings replace the aging portables at this choice school, which serves 75 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.



*Modular unit being lowered into place at Explorer Community School*

### Old Redmond Schoolhouse: Renovate for preschool classrooms – Opens September 2019

16600 NE 80th Street, Redmond 98052

LWSD has leased this building to the City of Redmond since 1997. The Task Force recommended that the district remodel the building to provide ten dedicated preschool classrooms. This step will free up much-needed K-5 classroom space at our neighborhood elementary schools. LWSD is also working with the City of Redmond to develop a plan for accommodating community uses within the building.



*Old Redmond Schoolhouse*

## Planning for a 2018 Bond Measure

To reduce overcrowding, accommodate growing enrollment, and continue to provide quality learning environments, the district is planning for upcoming bond measures in 2018, 2022 and 2026. Look for more information about the 2018 bond measure this fall.

The Lake Washington School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, gender, marital status, creed, religion, honorably discharged veteran, military status, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or the use of a trained guide dog or service animal by a person with a disability, in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

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## Learn More

Information on each project is available on the district website at [www.lwsd.org/buildingonsuccess](http://www.lwsd.org/buildingonsuccess).

- Find full project descriptions and project updates.
- View designs and construction drawings.
- **LET'S TALK!** Ask questions and share comments, concerns or suggestions. Let's Talk is an online tool that enables you to communicate directly with the bond construction team. It's available on the Building on Success webpage at [www.lwsd.org/buildingonsuccess](http://www.lwsd.org/buildingonsuccess).