

# Capital Projects Updates

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# Purpose

- Share the latest on the New High School construction
- Review planning efforts for the 2026 Critical Repairs Levy
- Recap the May 12<sup>th</sup> Capital Project Oversight Committee meeting

# New High School Update

- Clearing, grading and excavation activities continue.
- Stockpiling of building materials is occurring in preparation of ongoing work.
- Construction of retaining walls throughout the site is expected to start the week of May 25.
- The Design-Build Team (contractor/architect) continues to work with both the Cities of Issaquah and Sammamish to obtain remaining permits.
- We will continue to acquire permits throughout the life of the project as is typical for large construction projects such as this.

*Link to the New High School Construction webpage: [New High School 2501 - Issaquah School District 411](#)*

# New High School Update

## Building a Better Environment for Students and Neighbors

### **Tree Replacement / Landscaping Improvements:**

- While some trees will be removed during construction of the new high school, the project includes plans to replant trees and enhance landscaping across the site. These improvements will ultimately increase the quality, health, and long-term sustainability of the campus's green spaces for students and the broader community.

### **Stormwater Management Improvements:**

- The project will significantly improve how stormwater is managed on the site. Advanced systems will be implemented to treat and improve the quality of runoff before it leaves the campus, and flows will be carefully controlled to mimic natural, forested conditions. These upgrades will help protect downstream waterways, reduce flooding impacts, and restore a more natural water balance for the surrounding environment.

# New High School Update

## Improving Traffic Flow and Safety

### **Transportation and Access Improvements:**

- As part of the project, required roadway improvements along 228th Ave SE and SE 43rd Way will significantly enhance safety and mobility in the area. These upgrades include widening to provide two lanes in each direction, dedicated left-turn lanes into the site to improve traffic flow, and the addition of sidewalks and bike lanes. Together, these improvements will create a safer, more efficient, and more accessible corridor for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists in the community.

# New High School Update



Site before construction started



Site cleared and ready for grading

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Excavation of the large storm pond that is located under the sports field



Storm water structures be stockpiled on the site

# 2026 Critical Repairs Levy Planning Update

- The Capital Projects, Operations and Facilities departments have organized the approved project list by priority and timing across the four-year levy period.
- The project list and status will be reviewed regularly as part of the ongoing work.
- Projects will be adjusted over time as needed to respond to changing conditions, costs and district priorities.

# 2026 Critical Repairs Levy Planning Update

	2027	2028	2029	2030
<b>Available Funding</b>	\$14,303,000	\$12,427,000	\$13,335,000	\$15,536,000
<b>Planned Spend</b>	\$13,484,000	\$12,905,000	\$13,507,000	\$15,705,000
<b>Annual Funding Surplus / (Gap)</b>	\$819,000	(\$478,000)	(\$172,000)	(\$169,000)
<b>Cumulative Funding Surplus / (Gap)</b>	\$819,000	\$341,000	\$169,000	-

- This chart represents estimated collection amounts for the 2026 Critical Repairs levy by year over the life of the levy and compares that to initial planned spending amounts. Also shown is either the surplus or gap in funding compared to each years planned projects.
- Levy collection will begin in the Spring 2027 followed by another in the Fall and repeated for the next 3 years through 2030.
- Because levy collections start in Spring 2027 and are received in installments, only a portion of the first year's funding is available for spending, so full planned expenditures cannot occur until later years when collections stabilize.

# Capital Projects Oversight Committee Recap

- The CPOC gathered for a regular meeting on May 12, 2026.
- Staff shared a presentation highlighting updates related to:
  - The New High School project
  - The status of the 2022 Critical Repairs Levy
  - Planning for the 2026 Critical Repairs Levy

# Capital Projects Oversight Committee Recap

The CPOC members provided valuable input on the following

- Engaged with thoughtful questions on project phasing, budget, and schedule.
- Explored financial strategies, including risks and benefits of financing projects.
- Requested clearer tracking of savings, overruns, and fund use.
- Suggested clearer project categorization to improve transparency.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2026.

*Link to the CPOC webpage: <https://www.isd411.org/about-us/departments/capital-projects/capital-projects-oversight-committee>*

# Questions



Rendering of the New High School Entrepreneurial Space