



Cheney Public Schools Bond Program Management – Monthly Project Updates March 6, 2026

Program Executive Summary

The purpose of this Monthly Report is to update and report the status of the November 2024, voter approved, Cheney Public Schools bond.

This bond consists of the following:

- New Craig Road Elementary School - [Early Site Grading Complete, Construction in Spring 2026](#)
- Land purchases (elementary, transportation, secondary)
- New bus loops at Windsor Elementary and Salnave Elementary Schools – [Complete](#)
- Cheney High School stadium upgrades – [Complete](#)
- Salnave Elementary - new boiler/pumps/switchgear – [Boiler/Pumps - Complete](#)
- Windsor/Salnave/Betz Elementary Schools - new chillers – [Complete](#)
- New controllers and cabling at Cheney HS, Betz ES, Windsor ES, and Sunset ES – [Anticipated start Summer 2026](#)
- New hot water heaters and water softeners – district-wide – [Anticipated start Summer of 2026 – Summer 2027](#)
- New Interior LED lighting at Cheney High School and three elementary schools – [Anticipated start Summer 2026 – Summer 2027](#)
- 2N at Snowdon, Cheney Middle School, Westwood Middle School – [Complete](#)
- Expand kitchens at Windsor and Salnave elementary schools – [Construction at Salnave Start March 2026; Windsor Start June 2026](#)
- Install laminated glass at vestibules – District-wide – [Complete](#)
- Tie old-to-new - District-wide. [Sunset and Windsor – Complete](#)

This report highlights the status of each project including work that is complete, work in progress, and forecasted including any significant challenges and solutions experienced in the monthly period.

New Craig Road Elementary School

Project Progress

- Project is currently in for permit with the City of Airway Heights.
- Currently on track for construction to start in early spring.
- Conditional Use Permit (CUP) has been received.
- City of Airway Heights has requested some Conditions of Approval as a part of the CUP and Building Permitting issuance process.

Conditions of Approval include -

- Widening of Craig Road along the project site to meet minor collector width requirements puts the Avista power lines closer to Craig Road than allowed. Avista confirmed they have no immediate plans to relocate power lines in this area.

Suggestion:

- Craig Road is currently posted as a 45 MPH roadway by Spokane County. The proposed speed limit for the improvements along this project's frontage will be 35 MPH. This speed limit reduction will need to be approved by the Spokane County Commission.



- With a speed limit reduction to 35 MPH, the Craig Road clear zone needs to be 8 feet per Table 2-1 of the COAWH Design Standards. The two Avista power poles located on the east side of the roadway are outside this clear zone. Which would eliminate the need to remove the power poles.
- Turn lane at the south end of the intersection at Craig Rd x 1st Ave. *Coordinating with City to approve minimal addition to existing asphalt (no curb) and turn lane striping.*
- City has concerns about cars queuing on 1st Avenue during pick-up and drop-off due to the road being narrow. They are concerned that the traffic would end up impacting Craig Road. *The proposed resolution is no parent pick-up/drop-off queuing on 1st Avenue due to the existing road width. Addressed with sufficient drop off with length of parent drop off being 812' and no parking signage on 1st Avenue. The 812' is within the range of the traffic study completed for this project.*
- City has faced some internal staffing changes and has now enlisted the help of a 3rd party reviewer for permit review. There have been some hiccups on transference of submitted documents between the City and their 3rd party reviewer. With the changes in reviewers and some hiccups along the way, the permitting process has taken longer than expected.
 - The City has provided an expedited review at no additional cost to the District.
 - The City is also offering a foundation permit and a limited grading permit to get construction going ASAP while they work through the remainder of the review process. The team has submitted all required documents for the foundation and limited grading permit and should be receiving the permit any day now to get started.
- This past week, the Progressive Design-Build Team has met with the City of Airway Heights and Avista to discuss the position of the power poles with relation to the street. With the County in agreement with lowering the speed limit in front of the school to 35 MPH, the City and Avista have both agreed that the poles can remain.

Next steps to close out this item with the City of Airway Heights/Avista -

 - Avista will work with their legal team on a revised easement because approximately 2' of their current easement is now being encroached on by the City's required frontage improvements.
 - The County Commissioner will get the reduction of the existing 45 MPH speed limit to 35 MPH on their agenda for approval.

Expand Kitchens - Windsor Elementary and Salnave Elementary School

Project Progress

- Mandatory pre-bid conference took place on January 13th.
- Bid opening took place on January 28th.
- We received bids from 6 contractors. Bids were all competitive in nature.
- Salnave construction March 1st, 2026 – August 15th, 2026.
 - The Construction Permit for Salnave has been issued by the City of Cheney.
 - Leone & Keeble has mobilized on site and demolition/construction efforts will commence.
- Windsor construction – Phase 1 (Switchgear Upgrades) - June – August 15th, 2026. Phase 2 – June 2026 – December 18th, 2026.
 - The Construction Permit for Windsor should be ready for issuance any day now. The Design team has submitted all requested documentation to the County.



Tie Old-to-New - District-Wide

Project Progress

- **Betz Elementary School**
 - This work will take place over Summer of 2026.
- **Cheney High School**
 - This work is estimated to take place over two Summers 2026-2027. Contractors were given the option to start Winter of 2025 or Spring of 2026, if they could get work done efficiently without impacting school – it was found to be more efficient to start this work during Summer of 2026.

Switchgear - Salnave Elementary

Project Progress

- Switchgear has been ordered and is on track for this work to take place over Summer of 2026. District has been taking deliveries almost daily of individual components for the new Switchgear.
- Contract with Peterson Electric has been approved by the School Board and has been fully executed.
- Work will take place in the summer of 2026.

New Controllers and Cabling - Cheney HS, Betz ES, Sunset ES

Project Progress

- The District has opted to go with Schneider controls for this project – this is the same controls manufacturer that will be used at the New Craig Road Elementary School. Working on final logistics and procurement of the controls. Work is anticipated to take place in the summer of 2026 and 2027.

New Hot Water Heaters and Water Softeners – District-Wide

Project Progress

- Water heaters and softeners work will take place through 2026 and 2027.

New Interior LED Lighting - Cheney High School and Three (3) Elementary Schools

Project Progress

- Currently working toward starting the LED lighting at the Elementary Schools this upcoming summer 2026 and CHS in 2027.
- Working through the potential to utilize the LED Omnia cooperative purchasing agreement with Graybar.
- Working on a potential for grant issuance from BPA.

Land Purchases – Elementary, Transportation, Secondary

Project Progress

Cheney Public Schools is actively working with their realtor for site selection in Airway Heights.