

Bond Construction Update

August 2026

Work is moving forward on the projects approved by Yakima School District voters. The District is advancing the Hoover and Garfield rebuilds while also preparing several additional bond-funded projects across YSD.

Hoover & Garfield Rebuilds

Selecting a General Contractor

Five contractors submitted Statements of Qualifications to serve as the General Contractor/Construction Manager (GC/CM) for the Hoover and Garfield rebuilds. A team of District staff, project managers, and architects will review the submissions and expects to shortlist three firms.

- **August 27:** Shortlisted contractors will be interviewed and present their approach to construction, project challenges, site staging, and schedule.
- **September 15:** The selected contractor is expected to be brought to the School Board for approval.
- One contractor will oversee construction of **both Hoover and Garfield**.

Permitting & Site Preparation

The District is working closely with the City of Yakima to begin the permitting process early and prevent unnecessary construction delays. Current work includes:

- Providing enrollment information for traffic and site planning.
- Completing soil testing and topographical surveys.
- Reviewing property titles and parcels at both sites.
- Beginning the process for site development and building permits.
- Working with the City on potential variances related to site coverage, parking, building height, reader boards, and driveway spacing.

Preliminary plans call for both schools to be **two stories with an additional mechanical level**.

Additional Bond Projects Moving Forward

Lewis & Clark Middle School

- New courtyard concrete improvements.
- Track resurfacing shortly after the start of school. The project is expected to be completed in time for track season.

Adams Elementary

- Parking lot replacement and improvements.

- ADA ramps will be added throughout the project for better accessibility.

Elementary Playgrounds

- The District is working with a playground vendor on prototype designs that can be used at multiple schools.
- Using common design elements will help reduce costs while allowing each playground to reflect the identity and culture of its school.
- **Gilbert Elementary is expected to be the first playground project.**

Davis Softball Field

- Design and construction timing are currently being finalized.

Zaepfel Stadium

- Planning continues for replacement of the field turf and track.
- Electrical and water improvements are also planned to enhance the stadium's capabilities.
- Construction sequencing will be carefully planned to protect newly installed surfaces.

Bond Funding

The District expects to **sell approximately \$100 million in bonds on September 1**. Initial expenditures will support architectural and project management work as well as the first round of construction projects.

What's Next

The next major milestone is selection of the GC/CM contractor for Hoover and Garfield, followed by School Board consideration in September. At the same time, permitting, design, site preparation, and other bond projects will continue moving forward.

Thank you, Yakima voters, for investing in our students, schools, and community.

Adams Elementary Parking Lot Project



Lewis & Clark Courtyard Project



Gilbert Playground Rendering

