

A Whittier Elementary Update

Project Status Report & Back-to-School Progress Update — September 2026

Dear Fircrest Neighbors and Families,

With the 2026–2027 school year officially off to a great start, we want to extend a sincere thank you to the parents, school staff, neighbors, Fircrest Public Works Department and the broader Fircrest community. Your patience, cooperation, and support during the first week of school made the transition to the new campus access and drop-off routines smooth.

As students settle into their classrooms, our construction team is hard at work right next door. Here is an update on the visible progress happening on campus this month.

Construction Progress: Framing In Full Swing

If you have passed by the campus recently, you have likely noticed significant daily changes to the neighborhood skyline:

- **Slabs Complete:** All structural slab pours across the building footprint are officially finished!
- **Walls Going Up Daily:** Wood framing is advancing rapidly across the entire site. Crews are erecting wall sections every day, and the full shape of the new school building is becoming clearer by the week.
- **Off-Site Utilities Wrapping Up:** Civil utility work on public roads is near completion for the current year. Our teams are currently finishing up minor remaining utility work near the intersection of **Paradise Ln and Annapolis St**, which will wrap up over the next week or so.
- **Site Perimeter:** The safety fencing and the public closure along Annapolis Street continues and will remain in effect throughout the 2026-2027 school year.

Looking Ahead: Fall Milestones

As framing continues throughout the autumn months, our team is preparing for the next major phase of construction:

Next Major Milestone: Topping Out & Roofing

Scheduled Target: Mid-November – Early December 2026

Over the next several weeks, framing will culminate in the building's 'Topping Out'—completing the main structural roof frame. Immediately following, crews will begin installing roofing and begin the exterior enclosure.

Thank you once again for your incredible partnership as we bring the new Whittier Elementary from vision to reality!

Best regards,

The Whittier Elementary Project Team

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