

Lake Washington School District

Facility Advisory Committee Meeting

FAC 2026-27

Welcome to the

L. E. Scarr Resource Center

Thursday, November 19, 2026

5:30-7:30

Agenda

Focus:
Creating processes to share information and ideas for ongoing improvement of LWSD facilities plans



- ***Welcome & Introductions***
  - Facilities Advisory Committee Overview & Workplans
- ***Information Sharing & Engagement***
  - Boundary & Enrollment Realignment Update
  - Construction Levy Project & Budget Updates
- ***Feedback & Recommendations***
  - Portable Information & Recommendations

CHECK-IN: FALL FAVORITES

Introduce yourself by sharing

1. Your **name**,
2. Your **role** (parent, staff, student, community)
3. Are you a **new** or **returning** FAC representative?
4. Which picture reflects your favorite part of fall























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Facilities Advisory Committee Overview & Work Plans



Rockwell Elementary School Rebuild & Enlarge

FAC Purpose/Charge

- **Provide feedback and recommendations**
  - Current and future facility planning
  - Consider enrollment trends, community expectations and district programs for facility planning
- **Align facility strategies with the District's strategic plan**
  - Plan for aging facilities
  - Accommodate enrollment changes
  - Continue to provide quality learning environments

The superintendent and school board will consider FAC feedback & recommendations for planning current construction projects and future ballot measures to fund construction.

FAC Meeting Structure

- Information Sharing
- Feedback & Recommendations
- Facility Tours for Context







FAC Outcomes

Share updates and information between funding measures

Project Updates

Financial updates/status

Develop and provide input on future funding measures

Understanding ongoing legislative and regulatory requirement

Provide feedback to strengthen community engagement opportunities



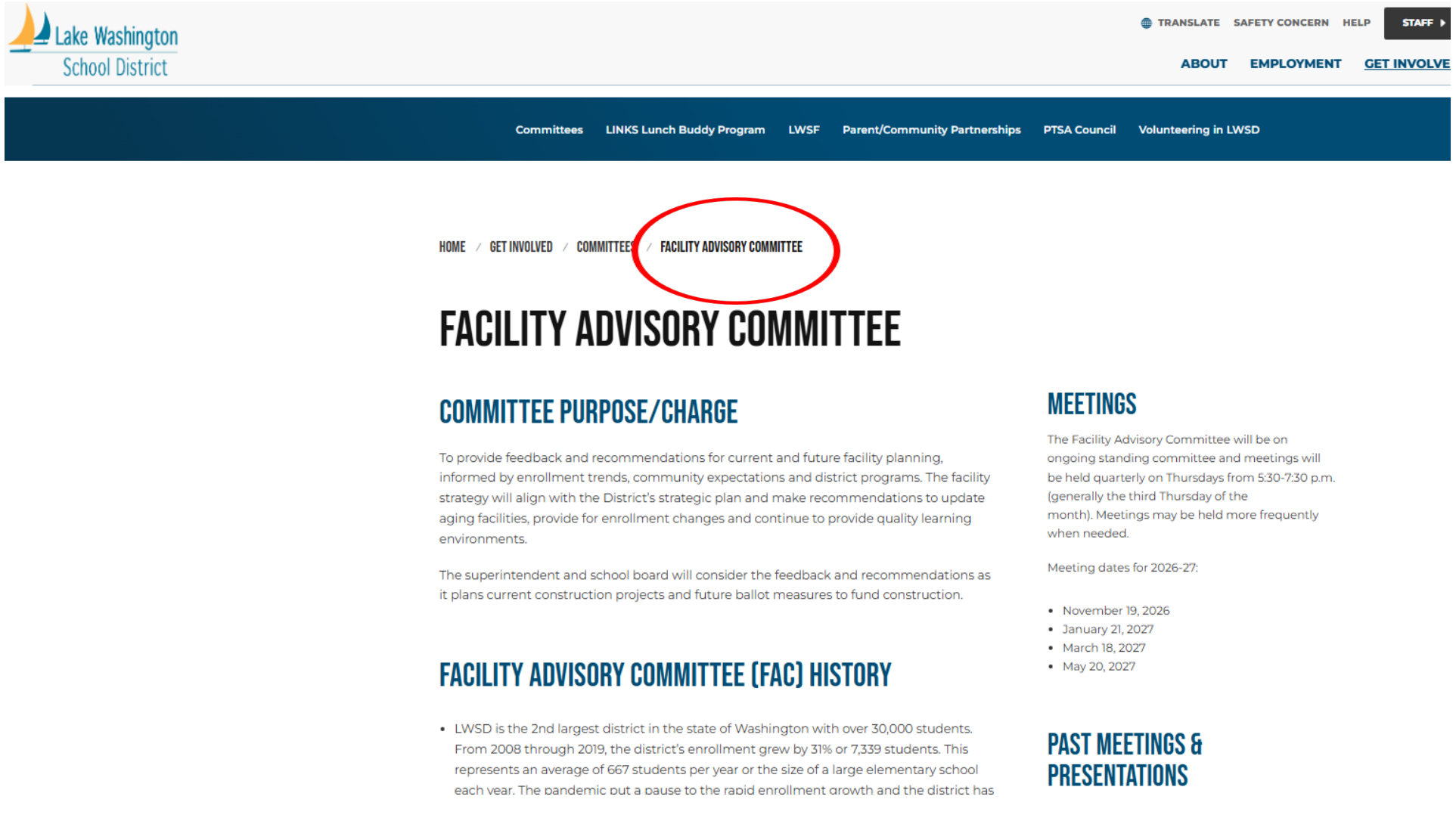


Proposed Meeting Norms/Ground Rules

- Start / end on time
- Silence electronics
- Ask questions of each other for the purposes of gaining clarity and understanding
- Express yourself in terms of your needs and interests and the outcomes you wish to achieve
- Listen respectfully, and sincerely try to understand the other person's needs and interests
- Demonstrate curiosity and willingness to learn

Presentations will be posted on Committee Website

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TRANSLATE SAFETY CONCERN HELP STAFF

ABOUT EMPLOYMENT GET INVOLVE

Committees LINKS Lunch Buddy Program LWSF Parent/Community Partnerships PTSA Council Volunteering in LWSD

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FACILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE PURPOSE/CHARGE

To provide feedback and recommendations for current and future facility planning, informed by enrollment trends, community expectations and district programs. The facility strategy will align with the District's strategic plan and make recommendations to update aging facilities, provide for enrollment changes and continue to provide quality learning environments.

The superintendent and school board will consider the feedback and recommendations as it plans current construction projects and future ballot measures to fund construction.

FACILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FAC) HISTORY

- LWSD is the 2nd largest district in the state of Washington with over 30,000 students. From 2008 through 2019, the district's enrollment grew by 31% or 7,339 students. This represents an average of 667 students per year or the size of a large elementary school each year. The pandemic put a pause to the rapid enrollment growth and the district has

MEETINGS

The Facility Advisory Committee will be on ongoing standing committee and meetings will be held quarterly on Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (generally the third Thursday of the month). Meetings may be held more frequently when needed.

Meeting dates for 2026-27:

- November 19, 2026
- January 21, 2027
- March 18, 2027
- May 20, 2027

PAST MEETINGS & PRESENTATIONS

Topics of Interest - Feedback

Enrollment, Boundaries & School Consolidation

- Boundary and Enrollment Realignment Updates
- Impact on future capital projects

Long-Range Facilities & Capital Planning

- Long-term facility needs & priorities
- Prioritizing capital investments as enrollment changes
- Impact of Boundary work on future projects for aging facilities

Portables & Space Utilization

- Strategies to reduce or eliminate portable classrooms
- Ways to partner with community groups on unused space
- Legal considerations for unused space

Construction, Building & Maintenance

- Updates on construction projects
- Transition from construction completion to district operations
- Maintaining buildings over their full lifecycle

Student Perspective

- Student perspectives on facility decisions

2026-27 DRAFT Work Plan

Meetings – Quarterly, 3rd Thursday, 5:300-7:30 p.m. or more often as needed

Date	Location	Topics
November 19	LWSD Resource Center	• FAC Overview & Workplans • Boundary & Enrollment Realignment Update • Construction Levy Project Budget Updates • Portable Information & Recommendations
January 21	TBD	
March 18	TBD	
May 20	TBD	

❖ *Content of agendas may evolve*



Boundary and Enrollment Realignment

Boundary and Enrollment Realignment – LWSD Website

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ABOUT EMPLOYMENT GET INVOLVED PROGRAMS SERVICES REALIGNMENT

Realignment FAQ | Boundary & Enrollment Realignment Timeline | Realignment Updates

HOME / REALIGNMENT

BOUNDARY & ENROLLMENT REALIGNMENT PROCESS 2026-27

JUMP TO: INFORMATION SESSIONS | UPDATES | RESOURCES | TIMELINE | FAQ

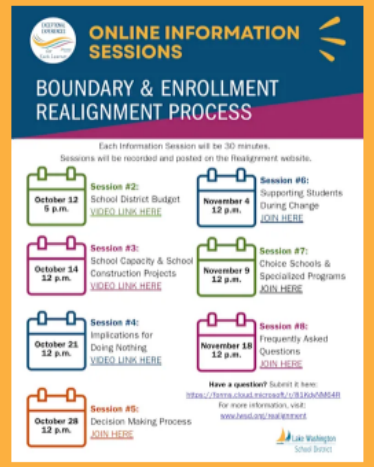
What's Next?

October 28, 2026: *Information Session #5: Decision Making Process, 12 p.m.*

November 4, 2026: *Information Session #6: Supporting Students During Change, 12 p.m.*

Like many districts around the country, Lake Washington School District is experiencing shifts in student enrollment due to demographic changes, declining birth rates, and evolving housing patterns. These changes are creating misalignment between where students live, the capacity of school facilities, and how district resources are distributed across schools.

INFORMATION SESSIONS



https://www.lwsd.org/realignment

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Information Sharing
&
Engagement

Construction Levy Project & Budget Updates



Alcott Elementary School Rebuild & Enlarge

School Capacity and LWSD School Construction Projects

Homework: Watch LWSD Town Hall Informational Session 10/14/2026

LWSD Town Hall Informational Session 10/14/2026

2022 Construction Levy Projects

School / facility	Project scope	Notes	Status / milestone
Rockwell Elementary	Additional school facility at Redmond El – modified project with Board action to rebuild and enlarge Rockwell Elementary	Aging Facility	completed
Eastlake High School	Addition to respond to East side capacity needs with Board action	Previously Site 59 project	completed
Redmond High School	Addition to respond to East side capacity needs with Board action	Previously Site 59 project	occupancy Sept. 2027
Finn Hill, Kirkland, and Redmond Middle Schools	Additions to respond to middle school capacity needs		completed
Emerson	Rebuild and Enlarge to respond to West side capacity needs	Aging Facility	occupancy Sept. 2027

LWSD Town Hall Informational Session 10/14/2026

2024 Construction Levy Projects

School / facility	Project scope	Status / milestone	Occupancy
Alcott Elementary	Rebuild and Enlarge	Construction	Fall 2027
Kamiakin Middle School	Rebuild and Enlarge	Design & Permitting	Fall 2029
Smith Elementary	Rebuild and Enlarge	50% Schematic	Fall 2031
Evergreen Middle School	Rebuild and Enlarge	50% Schematic	Fall 2031
Community Pool and Field House at JHS	Upgrade	Pool – Active Fieldhouse – Design & Permitting	Fall 2028



Financial Update

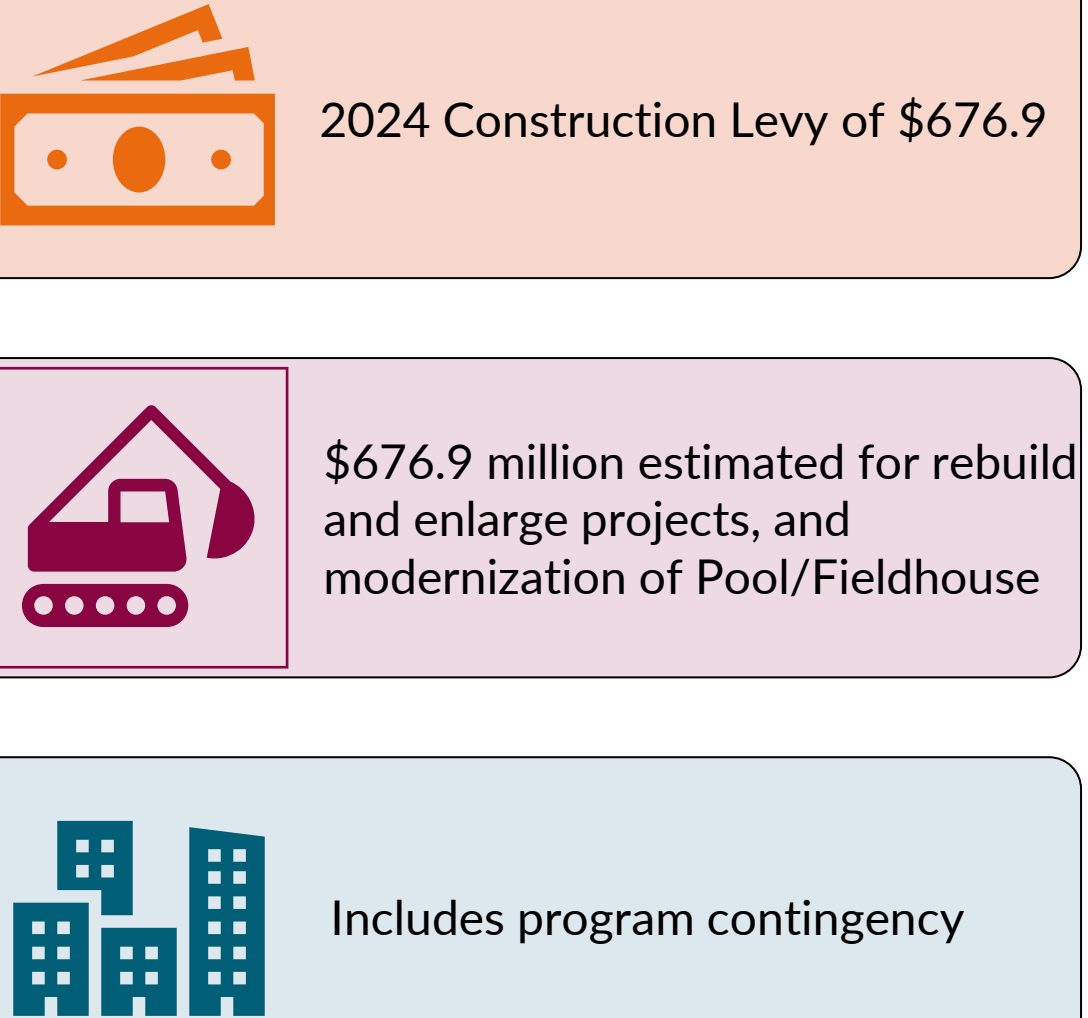
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Financial Update – 2024 Construction Levy

2024 Construction Levy of $676.9

$676.9 million estimated for rebuild and enlarge projects, and modernization of Pool/Fieldhouse

Includes program contingency



Financial Update – 2024 Construction Levy

Project	Original Budget (in Millions)	Use of Contingency/ Construction Escalation	Revised Project Budget
Alcott Elementary Rebuild and Enlarge	$86.8	($10.0)	$76.8
Kamiakin Middle School Rebuild and Enlarge	$174.0	$11.0	$185.0
Smith Elementary Rebuild and Enlarge	$118.1	$0	$118.1
Evergreen Middle School Rebuild and Enlarge	$202.9	$0	$202.9
Fieldhouse & Community Pool at Juanita High School	$25.1	$21.4	$46.5
Program Contingency/Construction Escalation	$70.0	($22.4)	$47.6
Total	**$676.9**	**$0.0**	**$676.9**

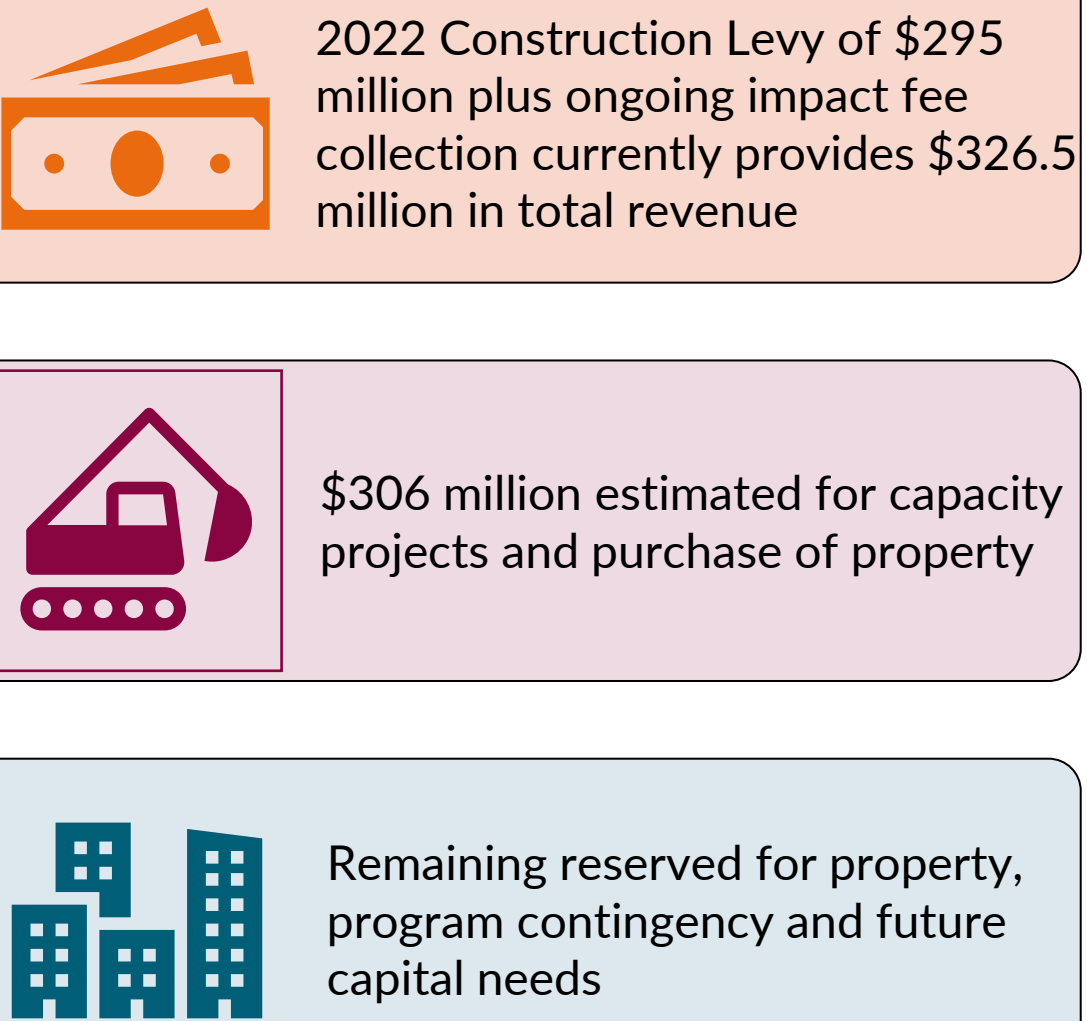
Alcott: savings due to contractor efficiencies
Kamiakin: increase due to construction escalation
Fieldhouse & Community Pool: increase due to project scope and construction escalation

Financial Update – 2022 Construction Levy

2022 Construction Levy of $295 million plus ongoing impact fee collection currently provides $326.5 million in total revenue

$306 million estimated for capacity projects and purchase of property

Remaining reserved for property, program contingency and future capital needs



Financial Update – 2022 Construction Levy

Project	Budget (In Millions)	Use of Contingency/ Construction Escalation	Revised Project Budget
Additions at Finn Hill, Kirkland and Redmond Middle Schools	$50.6	$0	$50.6
New Elementary on Redmond ES campus	$1.2	$0	$1.2
Rockwell ES Rebuild and Enlarge	$80.4	$0	$80.4
Additional HS Capacity – Redmond HS/Eastlake HS Additions	$82.7	$7.6	$90.3
Emerson HS Rebuild and Enlarge	$65.0	$0	$65.0
Program Contingency/Construction Escalation/Property	$26.3	($7.6)	$18.7
Total	**$306.2**	**$0.0**	**$306.2**
Total Construction Levy Plus Impact Fees	$326.5		$326.5
Remaining Difference	**$20.3**		**$20.3**

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Informational Session
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Evaluating Construction Projects

Projects to begin in the next few years:

Kamiakin Middle School

Evergreen Middle School

Smith Elementary

Evaluating Projects: Kamiakin Middle School

We have notified the Kamiakin staff and families that we are evaluating the full scope of the project.

Given the continued need for space, I have asked the team to evaluate constructing a **school with reduced permanent capacity** to be aligned with projected enrollment and an **80-90%** capacity utilization range.

Evaluating Projects: Smith and Evergreen

We have notified the Smith Elementary and Evergreen Middle School communities that we are evaluating the modernization projects at their schools, specifically, in a letter to these communities I stated:

"...this means we will be reviewing the modernization project to ensure that the project's scope, scale, timing, and overall investment remain aligned with the District's long-term enrollment, capacity, and facility plans."

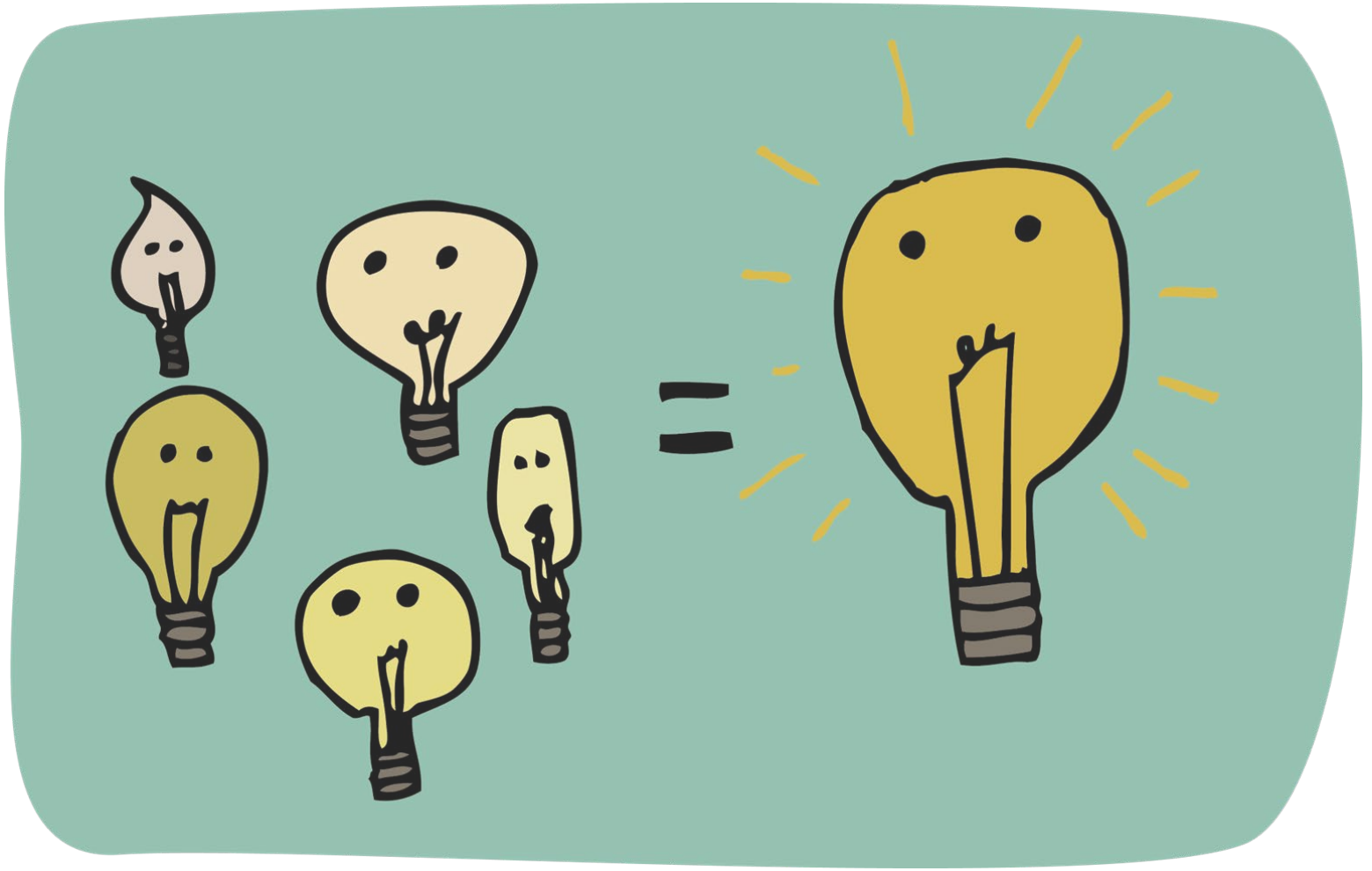
Will the District use portables in the future?

- Portable classrooms are a temporary response to manage a short-term capacity need.
- The enrollment realignment work will first look at permanent capacity to redraw school attendance boundaries.
- There may be instances where a school or community needs to use portable classrooms for a short-term capacity need.



Questions, Comments, Ideas?





Break - Take 5!

Take 5 minutes to grab a snack and stretch your legs!

Coming Up:

- ***Portable Recommendation Exercise***



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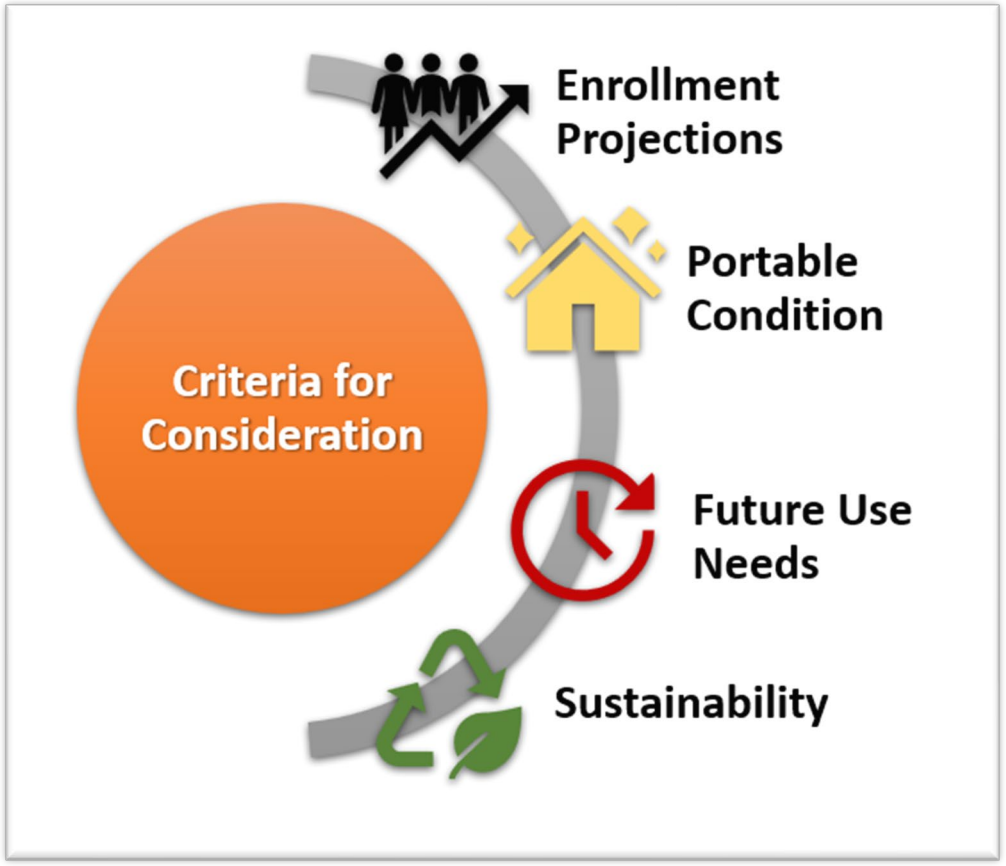
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Portable Information & Recommendations



Redmond High School

FAC Input – Spring 2026



Consider alternative uses

- Construction site use
- Programs
- Athletics
- Community Use
- Storage

Remove unused units

- Prioritize age and condition
- Seek surplus opportunities

Portable Analysis

Total Number of Portables

LWSD School Board
Study Session
8/17/2026

Goals

Reduce reliance on portables.

Boundary process for permanent capacity.

Factors When Evaluating Portables:

- Age
- Environmental impacts
- Sustainability
- Older portables vs. Green portables
- Cost savings, operational efficiencies

Portable Analysis

Total Number of Portables

LWSD School Board Study Session 8/17/2026 *(revised)*

Learning Area	Elementary	Middle	High	Total
Eastlake	38	15	0	**53**
Juanita	14	7	0	**21**
Lake Wa.	27	8	2	**37**
Redmond	31	7	8	**46**
Total	**110**	**37**	**10**	**157**

Portable Analysis

Considerations:

- Boundary adjustments/process for permanent capacity
- Move Green portables to replace older portables on sites where portables are still needed
- Shut down Traditional Portables
- Surplus and remove Traditional Portables

Relocation Cost

- **City of Redmond: $200,000-$250,000**
- **Other Jurisdictions: $100,000-$150,000**

Surplus and Demo Cost: $25,000-$50,000

Simulation: Managing Portables

Scenario

- We currently have 157 portables
- How should be reduce that number by half – or more

Team Task

- Review current conditions
- Provide a strategy for reducing active portables by half
  - Options:
    - Move Green portables to replace older models
    - Decommission *(leave in place unoccupied)*
    - Surplus and remove
- Share your recommendations & reasoning with the larger group



Move portables to replace older models



Decommission



Surplus & Remove

Resources

- District Map w/Portable Locations
- Data sheets

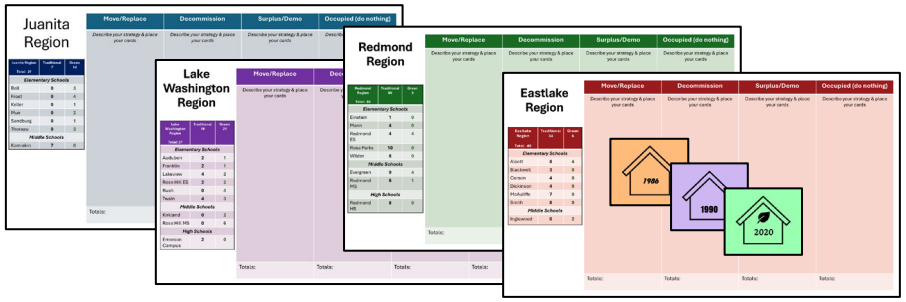
Portable Analysis Simulation – *15 Minutes*

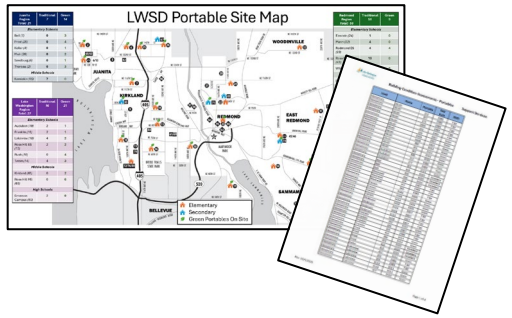
- **Goal:**
  - Reduce occupied portables to 80 units or less to save annual operation costs
- **Reduction Options:**
  - Move portables to replace older Traditional portables *within the same region*
  - Decommission portables
  - Surplus and remove Traditional portables
- **Organize your cards into 4 categories for each region**
  - Move/Replace
  - Decommission
  - Surplus/Demo
  - Leave on site *(do nothing)*

Simulation Assumptions

- **Annual Occupied Operating Cost (individual): $6,500/unit**
  - **Annual Occupied Operating Cost (ALL portables): ~$1 Million**
- **Move/Replace Cost: $175,000/unit**
- **Surplus and Demo Cost: $25,000/unit**
- **Annual Decommissioned Cost: $6,500 savings/unit**

All values estimated/simplified for simulation





Be prepared to share your team's strategy, considerations, and recommendations

Simulation: Managing Portables

Move Green portables to replace older models

Decommission

Surplus & Remove

Group A

Group B

Real World Scenario:
Managing Alcott Elementary Portables

Scenario:

- We currently have 12 portables at Alcott Elementary
  - 2 Surplussed for construction – no longer on site
  - 4 Green (2014)
  - 6 Traditional (1986-2007)
    - 3 - 2007
    - 3 – 1986-1989
- All portables will be removed to complete the Rebuild/Enlarge for Fall 2027

What should we do with 4 green, 3 newer traditional portables

- Options:
  - Move Green portables to replace older models
  - Move Traditional portables to replace older models
  - Surplus and remove Traditional portables



Next Steps

- Develop Portable Management decision tree for FAC review
- Consider Portable placement following Boundary Alignment recommendations – *Spring 2027*
- *There may be instances where a school or community needs to use portable classrooms for a short-term capacity need*

Additional Questions, Comments, Ideas?

