



What's New...

The Middle School design team continues to refine plans through bi-weekly and monthly meetings while gathering community feedback including key insights from various safety experts. A site survey is underway, with wetland delineation planned for spring, and the team is beginning to explore interior and exterior design elements. Schematic documents will be finalized in mid-March for budget confirmation. At Washington Elementary, the design team has been meeting to detail plans, including nearing completion on the Commons addition and classroom renovation plans. Early bid packages for underground work have been awarded and the second bid package for Phase 1 is in progress, with key trades secured and permits being pursued. Site planning and design is underway for various district-wide improvements and details for work during summer should be finalized over the next several weeks.

PROJECT TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

- The Design Team continues to collaborate closely, meeting bi-weekly with the Core Decision Team and monthly with the Instructional Programming Feedback Team to refine the program, schematic floor plans, and discuss early site and system planning.
- On February 26, the team participated in Community Feedback sessions to hear perspectives from Beaver Dam residents.
- The site survey is partially complete, and preparations are underway for wetland delineation this spring.
- The team is also beginning to explore interior and exterior design elements, including materials, aesthetics, and overall look and feel.
- By mid-March, schematic documents will be finalized for a formal cost estimate to ensure the project stays within budget.

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY:

- The early bid package for underground work has been awarded, with construction set to begin this spring.
- For Phase 1, Bid Package 2 has been released and is currently in the contractor selection phase. Several key trades with longer lead times have already been awarded. Plan approval has been received, and the team is now working on securing permits.
- Design and documentation for Phase 2, which includes the Commons addition and classroom renovations, are nearing completion.

DISTRICT-WIDE IMPROVEMENTS

- The district is partnering with POB (Point of Beginning) for site surveying and plan design associated with upcoming work across the district regarding playground and site improvements.
- District officials met with Department of Homeland Security representatives regarding safety and security planning associated with the projects.
- The District Safety Team has met and local Emergency Responders will provide the architects with feedback regarding safety and design.



FINANCES / BUDGET

- Phase I of the bond issuance has taken place. This is the first of three borrowings for the referendum funding.
- Phase I borrowing totaled \$27 million and is being financed at a rate of 4.34% which is below our estimated rate of 4.92%.
- The \$27 million will be invested in short term CDs and securities as well as a more liquid money market account to accommodate construction project payments over the next 13 months.
- Updated estimates for several district-wide site improvements have come in and are in line with the anticipated budget. Washington Elementary's bids are also in line with that budget.

KEY DATES & MILESTONES

- Community Input & Middle School Design (Winter/Spring 2025)
- Current Middle School Future Plan Process (Spring 2025)
- Washington Elementary Phase 1 (Summer 2025)
- Playground Upgrades (JE & PV) (Summer 2025)
- ADA Accessibility Upgrades (Summer 2025)
- Recreation & Site Improvements Part 1 (Summer 2025)
- Final Middle School Design & Bidding (Fall 2025)
- Middle School Groundbreaking (Fall 2025)
- Washington Elementary Phase 2 (Summer 2026)
- Parking Lot Safety & Improvements (Summer 2026)
- Campus Safety & ADA Enhancements (Summer 2026)
- Playground Upgrades (LI & WA) (Summer 2026)
- Recreation & Site Improvements Part 2 (Summer 2026)
- Middle School Envelope Enclosed (Fall 2026)
- New Middle School Move In (Summer 2027)

