



What's New...

The Project Team is working on Middle School design plans, including development of floor plans to maximize instructional spaces. Estimators are working on a cost budget for floor plans, site plans, and building elevation design drawings. Excavation and site utility work have begun at Washington Elementary School with foundation work scheduled in the near future. Construction of the new kindergarten classrooms will begin in April. Various district-wide improvements and details for work during summer will be finalized over the next several weeks.

PROJECT TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

- Schematic design drawings (floor plans, site plans and building elevations) were issued, and estimators are diligently working to present a cost budget by mid-April.
- Floor plans have undergone intensive development to get the right spaces and those adjacent to them.
- Another round of staff engagement will take place to test floor plan ideas and get feedback.
- Conversations with the City and all other relevant agencies are underway about the site.
- The design development (where we dive into further detail) phase is beginning. It was kicked off with a presentation to the Project Team on exterior design concepts and materials. Exterior design will continue in earnest into April, while interior design and engineering coordination will start in the coming month.
- Wetland delineation and final surveying will be completed as soon as the growing season is underway.

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY:

- Phase 1, Bid Package 2 budget costs, and subcontractor onboarding is complete. The Guaranteed Maximum Price (not to exceed) for Phase 1 Washington was issued to the District.
- Construction broke ground with site work activities. Building excavation in the later part of March will lead way to the kindergarten addition foundation work. In April, the addition structure will start taking shape.
- Phase 2 construction plans were issued by the design team and is currently bidding. Scoping and awarding contractors will start in April.

DISTRICT-WIDE IMPROVEMENTS:

- Playground plans are being finalized for Prairie View and Jefferson Elementary schools. These projects will take place over the summer and be completed prior to the first day of school in the fall.
- Site Borings are set to take place at Prairie View Elementary and at the High School Athletic Complex in early April.
- Other District-Wide safety, security, ADA accessibility, recreation and site improvement projects will be bid out in the next month.



FINANCES / BUDGET

- Estimates for the District-Wide Improvement Budget continue to help shape construction planning for the summer of 2025.
- Washington Elementary bidding for Phase I is almost complete and is projected to be slightly under budget.
- The district has invested the \$27 million from the first bond issuance in a variety of CDs and treasuries at both local and non-local banks. These investments, along with a more liquid fund, are strategically spaced to mature at different times over the next year as construction billing occurs.

KEY DATES & MILESTONES

- Community Input & Middle School Design (Winter/Spring 2025)
- Current Middle School Future Plan Process (Spring 2025)
- Washington Elementary Phase 1 (Spring/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)

