

Lindbergh High School Construction Update

Construction at Lindbergh begins thanks to voters in past election

Our Mission:

At Lindbergh High School, through a partnership of school personnel, community and parents, we prepare students for post-secondary educational options as well as the world of work. We believe that the best preparation includes attention to academic achievement, the development of social responsibility and the encouragement of creativity.

In 1998, Renton voters approved a school building construction bond measure to allow for the rebuilding, remodeling or renovation of school buildings throughout the district. Projects included in the bond represented the second phase of the district's 20-year construction plan. The 20-year plan is separated into three phases to keep tax rates low. Voters approved two of the phases in 1992 and 1998. Renton Board members will soon decide whether to place the third—and final phase—before voters in February 2003.

As part of the 1998 bond, Lindbergh High School was scheduled this year to receive upgrades in the school's electrical, safety and communications systems. Those projects are now underway.

Two-year project will offer better, safer classrooms

Upgrades to Lindbergh High School will include many safety, lighting and communication improvements including:

- new lighting in classrooms, hallways and common areas
- upgrades to electrical system
- new video surveillance system
- removal of asbestos-containing materials used when built in 1971
- improved communication systems (intercom/telephones)
- install elevator for special needs students' accessibility
- new doorways to classrooms in some parts of the school



A classroom is covered in plastic in preparation for asbestos remove

There will not be much change to the exterior of the building or to the structure of most of the classrooms and offices. Most of the improvements will be made to interior systems. The project is scheduled to last about two years.

Three-phase plan begins in "Washington" building

Construction projects are planned for two years and will take place in three phases. The first phase is underway in a part of the school some call the "Washington" building. The building houses several classes including math, social studies, and business education as well as counseling offices.



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Tres Genger
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**Attendance
Rate: 91%**

**Programs at
Lindbergh:**

- mathematics
- language arts
- social studies
- science
- robotics
- advanced placement
- physical education
- business
- computers
- art
- drama
- music
- voc/technology education
- world language
- home/family life
- intramurals and athletics

Education continues using portable classrooms

As with any construction project undertaken while teachers, students and staff are present, the project will be challenging. Lindbergh principal Tres Genger, along with district construction project managers and contractors, are working hard to complete projects with minimal interruption to education while staying on time and within budget.

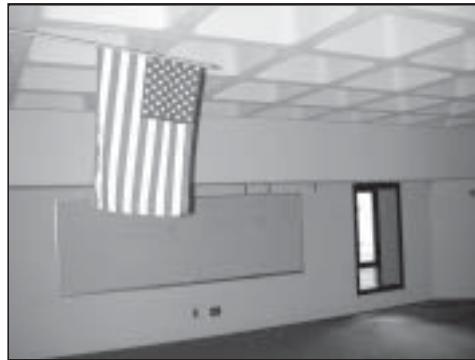
To provide students a place to learn during construction, the district over the summer brought in 12 portable classrooms. The portables are complete with computer and telephone connections, as well as intercom communication between offices and classrooms. Asphalt paving was placed around the portables to keep students out of the mud when the fall rains begin.



Students move between portable classrooms during passing time

Next phase of district plan to include more for Lindbergh

The Renton School Board is considering placing a school building improvement bond measure on the February 2003 ballot. Voters overwhelmingly endorsed the measure in February and April 2002, but the measure failed both times to meet the 60 percent supermajority requirement to pass school elections.



The flag still waves while a classroom undergoes a remodel

For 20 years school staff, parents, citizens and local business people have managed a three-phase plan to rebuild, remodel, or renew every school building in the district. Voters have supported the plan by passing capital facilities bonds to help pay for improvements in phases I and II. The district has built new schools where old ones cost too much to maintain and repaired those that are still serviceable. Projects have been well managed, and completed as planned. Two phases of the plan are complete or buildings included in those phases are currently under construction. This is the second phase of the plan.

If the third phase is approved by voters in Feb. 2003, Lindbergh is scheduled for more improvements including:

- new boiler system to improve heating and cooling
- new climate control system
- new sidewalks, driveways and walkways
- new flooring
- continued improvements for accessibility for the disabled

The mission of the Renton School District, a partnership of families, community members, and employees, is to instill in each student knowledge, skills, responsibility, and inspiration to become a life-long learner and a successful contributor to a changing, more technologically advanced and diverse society by ensuring academic achievement, mutual respect, and positive self-esteem.