



Construction Update

Thank You, Voters!

**Lincoln Middle School
Renovation & Expansion**



**Whitman County
Transportation Cooperative**



If you have any questions about the district's construction projects, please contact
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BOARD REPORT

The Excitement is Building

by Amanda Tanner

Pullman Public Schools is indeed excited about the three current construction projects we have going on! These additions to our district will allow us to further support our students.

Lincoln Middle School Addition and Remodel

The Lincoln Middle School Project consists of two parts. Firstly, the addition will add 14,000 square feet of space to our current building, which is currently over capacity for how many students it is recommended to accommodate. This space will consist of 8 new standard classrooms, and 2 new science classrooms. We are also adding a new set of student bathrooms, and a new teacher work room. Secondly, the remodel will consist of some major improvements to the school. Some things happening on the outside will include a redesigned entrance from SE Crestview Street, expanded student drop off area, additional parking, and better outdoor lighting. These outdoor improvements will contribute to safety and efficiency with drop off and pick up of students. The remodel will also include a new building entrance with secure double doors to further improve security for the staff and students inside the building, helping front office staff have easier awareness and control of visitors entering the building. The entire building will also be getting a much needed new metal roof. Some improvements happening on the inside are expanding the commons area, upgrading the stage lighting and sound system, some classroom and staff office changes, redesigned locker room with additional lockers and additional music storage. These amazing and extensive projects have been well underway since June 2020, and are expected to be completed in August 2021. In total the project will cover remodeling 98,000 square feet.

Whitman County Transportation Cooperative

Ground was broken on the new Whitman County Transportation Cooperative and Bus Maintenance Facility in September 2020. This project is expected to be completed in September 2021. This new facility is located in north Pullman, on Albion Road. The building will be 21,000 square feet. The amenities for this new facility will have 6 bus service bays, 10 indoor light maintenance/charging service bays, 10 outdoor covered parking spots, 1 bus wash bay, electric bus charging station with capacity to add more charging stations in the future, a fuel island for both diesel and gasoline, administrative and training space, parts tools and chemical storage, a perimeter fence with a remote access gate. The roof structure on this building is designed to accept solar panels when funding is available. This new transportation facility will allow for better maintenance of our buses.

Sunnyside/Franklin/Jefferson HVAC Upgrades

The school district will be adding cooling to the current HVAC systems at Sunnyside Elementary, Franklin Elementary, and Jefferson Elementary Schools. This will allow for a more comfortable learning environment for our students during the warmer months. This much needed addition to our buildings will also allow for windows to remain closed during our frequently smoky fall months, allowing for safer air for our students and staff to breathe. This project is expected to start and end in the summer of 2021.

Thank you Pullman Community! We would like to thank our incredibly gracious and supportive community for the continued support in helping us provide the best we can for our students. We look forward to successful completion of our projects.

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The following employee has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: **Roberta Kramer**, Assistant Superintendent, Pullman School District Administrative Offices, 240 SE Dexter Street, Pullman, WA 99163, 509.332.3144. Applicants with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations in the application process by contacting the Personnel Coordinator at (509) 332-3584.

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Quiet Start for a Strong Finish

The halls and classrooms of Pullman High School have been quiet during the 20-21 school year. Although our building has been quiet, with close attention, one finds our halls and classrooms have not been silent. Our community is well aware of the impact COVID-19 has had on our schools. However, everyone may not be aware that we have been slowly and safely bringing several groups of students back to PHS all year.

Our special needs teachers and support staff have been working with students from day one of this school year. Our staff has done a fantastic job making sure our students needs are being met, building relationships with families, and ensuring consistency to our students with special needs during this very challenging time.

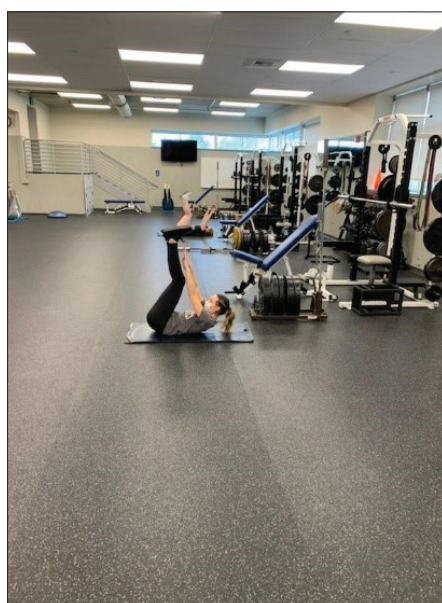
Early in the year, we also began to bring students into the building that needed a little extra attention. Some needed help, while others needed a better internet connection. Regardless of their need, our doors have been open. Our staff has worked to fulfill their needs and our fabulous kitchen staff has provided them with lunch.

As November approached, we began to plan opportunities for more students to safely enter the building and take part in optional learning pods for some of our hands on Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes. These pods consist of students in groups of less than ten. Students attend in the mornings once or twice a week before heading home for their online synchronous classes in the afternoon. Our first course to begin offering student pods was Metals, one of our shop classes. **Mr. Schotzko**, our Metals teacher, has been running learning pods since mid-November.

Since returning from winter break, we have had other classes begin to offer learning pods as well. Again, these pods allow our students to get some hands on experiences; something desperately missed during online learning. Besides Metals, pods are currently offered in Photography, Plant Science, and Weights.

We will soon be offering optional learning pods in Textiles, Vet Science, New Media, Yoga and Drama.

Safety for our staff and students has been in the forefront of our minds all year. Brining students in for learning pods has allowed us to slowly and safely increase the number of students at PHS. This practice will allow for a smooth transition as we prepare for a return to in-person learning and a strong finish to our school year.



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