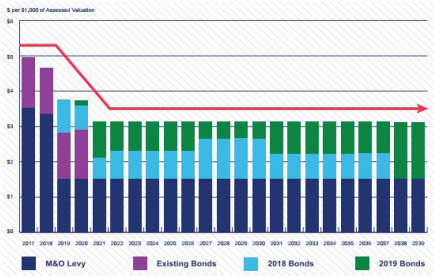


## 2018 Bonds to construct and renovate school facilities and improve security

In November, the Arlington Public Schools Board of Directors adopted a resolution calling for an election on Feb. 13, 2018. Arlington voters will be asked to authorize the district to issue \$107.5 million in bonds to build a replacement for Post Middle School and improve safety and security at all school buildings in the district. Approval would not result in a tax rate increase from the rate that district voters paid in 2017.

### NO LOCAL TAX RATE INCREASE

Compared to the local school tax rate in 2017.



Local school tax rates in 2017 were \$4.93 per \$1,000 of assessed value. If bond is approved, taxes would start in 2019 with a local schools tax rate of \$3.74 per \$1,000, dropping to \$3.12 per \$1,000 in 2021 through 2039.

### Proposed Improvements

- Install secure entry systems, improved door locks and security cameras at all schools.
- Replace Post Middle School.
- Add eight classrooms, STEAM workshop and bus shelter at Arlington High School.
- Add fire suppression system to Eagle Creek Elementary.
- Provide classroom amplification systems at all elementary schools to promote student achievement.
- Improve heating, ventilation and air conditioning at all schools for better indoor air quality and energy efficiency.
- Replace flooring at Eagle Creek and Kent Prairie Elementary schools.

### Why issue bonds now?

- Bonds issued in 2000 to build Arlington High School paid off in 2020.
- Bond interest rates are near historic lows saving community money on improvements.
- The Facilities Advisory Committee, working since 2013, has identified projects to improve academic achievement, safety, security and efficiency at all school buildings.
- Renovation of Post Middle School would cost at least 75% of building new and that's just to meet code requirements, not improve instructional spaces.



## Keeping Our Students, Staff and Community Safe



*Gates and signage were installed at the entrance to Post Middle School, Eagle Creek Elementary and Stillaguamish Valley Learning Center this fall to increase safety and security at the campus after hours.*

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# Safety, Security and Educational Improvements to Every School

## EAGLE CREEK ELEMENTARY

Safety and Security Improvements

- New Fire Sprinklers
- Secure Entryways
- Interior and Exterior Security Cameras
- Classroom Door Lock Upgrades

Site Improvements

- Bus/Vehicle Traffic Safety Improvements
- Improve Playfield Drainage

General Improvements

- New Classroom Amplification Systems
- New Carpeting
- New Multi-Purpose/Gym Flooring
- New Heat and Ventilation Control System
- New Fire Alarm
- Upgrade Clock/Intercom
- Upgrade Data System

## PRESIDENTS ELEMENTARY

Safety and Security Improvements

- Secure Entryways
- Interior and Exterior Security Cameras
- Classroom Door Lock Upgrades

General Improvements

- New Classroom Amplification Systems

## PIONEER ELEMENTARY

Safety and Security Improvements

- Secure Entryways
- Interior and Exterior Security Cameras
- Classroom Door Lock Upgrades

Site Improvements

- Baseball Field Drainage Upgrades
- Improve Playground Equipment

General Improvements

- New Classroom Amplification Systems

## KENT PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY

Safety and Security Improvements

- Secure Entryways
- Interior and Exterior Security Cameras
- Classroom Door Lock Upgrades

Site Improvements

- Bus/Vehicle Traffic Safety Improvements
- Improve Playfield Drainage

General Improvements

- New Classroom Amplification Systems
- New Carpeting
- New Multi-Purpose/Gym Flooring
- Boiler and Furnace Replacement
- New Heat and Ventilation Control System

## POST MIDDLE SCHOOL

Replacement School

- Existing Building Demolition
- Site Development

## HALLER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Safety and Security Improvements

- Secure Entryways
- Interior and Exterior Security Cameras
- Classroom Door Lock Upgrades

Site Improvements

- Grandstand Structural Improvements
- New Running Track
- Additional Fencing

General Improvements

- Boiler and Furnace Replacements

## STILLAGUAMISH VALLEY LEARNING CENTER

Safety and Security Improvements

- Interior and Exterior Security Cameras
- Classroom Door Lock Upgrades

## WESTON HIGH SCHOOL

Safety and Security Improvements

- Secure Entryways
- Interior and Exterior Security Cameras
- Classroom Door Lock Upgrades

General Improvements

- New Building Heat and Ventilation System

## ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Safety and Security Improvements

- Secure Entryways
- Interior and Exterior Security Cameras
- Classroom Door Lock Upgrades

Building Additions

- 8 Classroom Addition to C Wing
- New Technology and Arts Workspace

Site Improvements

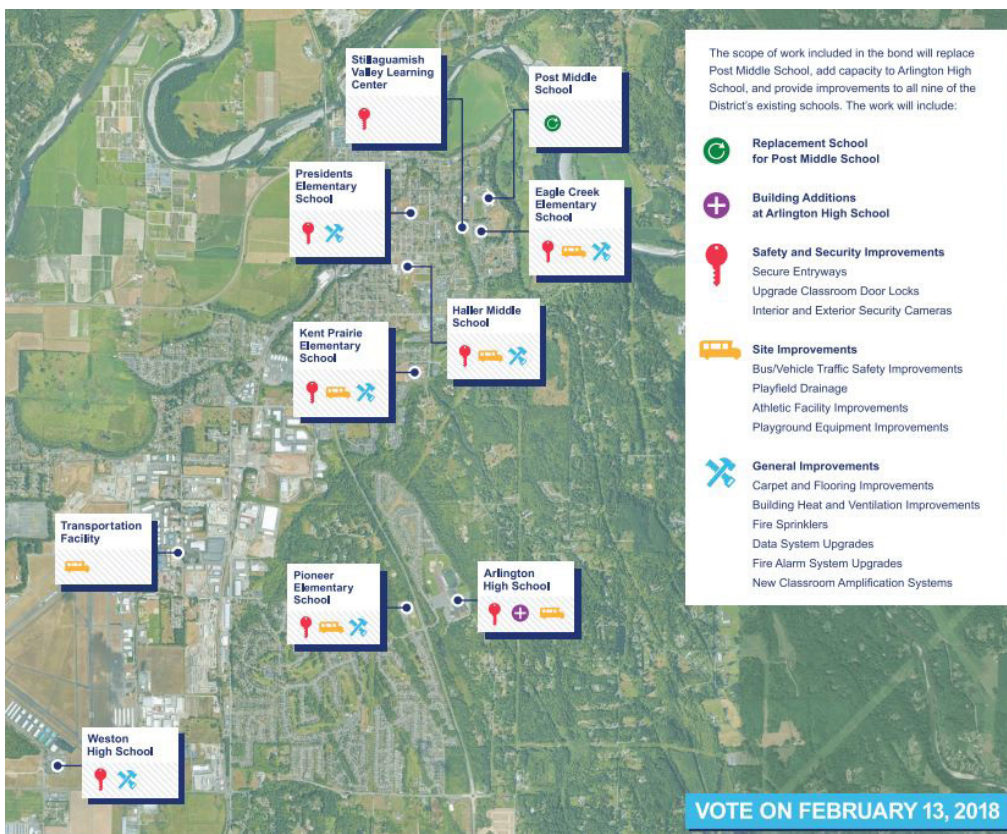
- Covered Bus Waiting Area
- Synthetic Turf Infields at Baseball and Softball Fields

- Covered Batting Cages

## TRANSPORTATION FACILITY

Site Improvements

- Add Bus Wash
- Resurface Bus Parking Lot
- Parking Lot Lighting
- Frontage Improvements

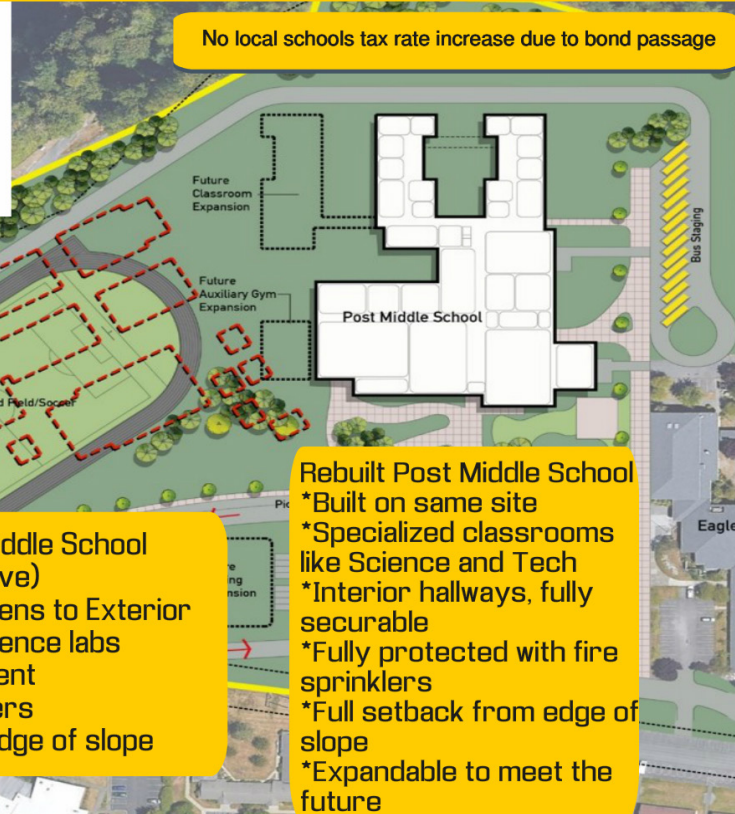


## Why Rebuild Post Middle School?

- Modernization costs 75%-80% of new construction just to meet code requirements (Seismic, indoor air quality, energy, acoustic, ADA accessibility, electrical and plumbing systems)
- Modernization does not address educational deficiencies (Security, room size, type of rooms, daylighting)
- Portions of the building would have to be closed during modernization, would need to locate or acquire temporary space for students

**5500+**  
**REASONS TO VOTE**  
ON FEBRUARY 13, 2018

No local schools tax rate increase due to bond passage



**Current Post Middle School**  
(red outline above)

- \*Every Door Opens to Exterior
- \*Not enough science labs
- \*Energy inefficient
- \*No fire sprinklers
- \*50 feet from edge of slope

**Rebuilt Post Middle School**

- \*Built on same site
- \*Specialized classrooms like Science and Tech
- \*Interior hallways, fully securable
- \*Fully protected with fire sprinklers
- \*Full setback from edge of slope
- \*Expandable to meet the future



Over the summer, drilling took place near Post Middle School to ensure the soil could safely accommodate the building of a new middle school on the site.

## What are state matching funds?

State matching funds are paid to districts from the state of Washington to assist with the construction of school buildings. Arlington would receive state matching funds due to replacement of Post Middle School. The district intends to use the funds to purchase a site for a fifth elementary school.

## Senior Exemption

Persons at least 61 years of age and who earn less than \$40,000 annually may qualify for an exemption from local school taxes. For additional information about eligibility or to apply for an exemption, contact the Snohomish County Assessor's Office at 425-388-3433.

## Sample of Secure Entryway

A single point of entry into a school helps school staff monitor who is entering and leaving a building. In addition, a secure entryway can further improve safety and security. At the start and end of the school day, the doors would be unlocked to allow students to enter and leave school. However, once school started, the inner doors would be locked.

There are many configurations for a

vestibule/double entry system. An intercom/video call box is located outside the school, and the main office screens a visitor via this system while the visitor is still outside. Visitors granted access through the primary entrance are required to pass through the main office. The office would allow visitors to enter the first entrance but the secondary entrance would remain locked.



## Thank you board members!

January is School Board Recognition Month. Thank you to our dedicated board members for their service to students and the community.

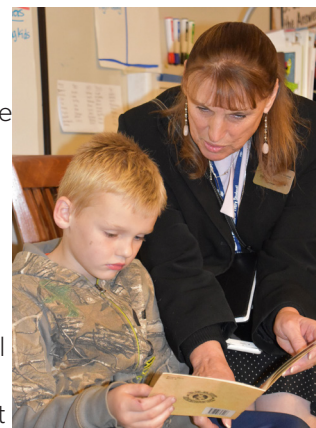


(Left to right) The Arlington Public Schools Board of Directors: Annika Hatfield, Student Advisor to the Board; Dr. Chrys Sweeting, Superintendent; Judy Fay, Director District 3; Dr. Jeff Huleatt, President; Kay Duskin, Vice President; Marc Rosson, Director District 5; Jim Weiss, Legislative Representative; and Mary Catherine Meno, Student Advisor to the Board.

## Mid-year review provides insight into how the district is reaching its goal to educate students.

2018 is here and our students are making great strides as they start the new year. Our focus this year has been to “Make It a Home Game” for every student and to provide them with the tools and support they need to be successful. Our educators continuously engage in collaborative efforts to implement effective instructional practices to support the learning of each student.

Our 10th annual State of the District Address took place on Jan. 18 at Post Middle School. I would like to thank all the parents, staff and community members who were able to join us for this event. For those who weren't able to join us, the purpose of the event was to provide the community with a mid-year update about how the district is meeting the goals set forth in the district's strategic plan that was revised last year. Highlights included adopting an English Language Arts curriculum, creating an Open Doors Program to reengage students who have dropped out of school, forming a community truancy board to support students and families, and engaging in professional development training focused on equitable practices that will meet the diverse and complex needs of our students. The presentation from the event is available in the Superintendent section on the district website at [www.asd.wednet.edu](http://www.asd.wednet.edu).



One reason for holding the event at Post Middle School was so that parents and community members could see first-hand the need for a new middle school. The school board approved placing a bond on the Feb. 13 ballot to fund the building of a new Post Middle School and adding a wing to Arlington High School. In addition, the bond would include safety and security upgrades at all schools in the district to further protect students and staff. This would all be done with no increase to local property taxes since it would replace a 2000 bond that's expiring. This publication provides detailed information about the bond. I encourage you all to vote in the Feb. 13 election.

Thank you for all your support. 2018 will be great!

Dr. Chrys Sweeting  
Superintendent

Arlington Public Schools provides equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without discrimination based on race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. The District will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. District programs will be free from sexual harassment. Auxiliary aids and services will be provided upon request to individuals with hearing, vision, or speech disabilities.

The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

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