ISSAQUAH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

How do we prepare kids for tomorrow, today?

The Issaquah Schools Foundation in partnership with the Issaquah School District is proud to introduce FutureMap, an online portal that connects our students to our local business community.

“We’re excited to offer this opportunity for students and local businesses to connect in a way like never before. FutureMap allows students to get a jump on planning for their future, busy individuals to encourage success in our kids, and businesses to develop their future work force.” – Valerie Korock, FutureMap Program Manager

Comprehensive Resource

FutureMap helps define post-secondary paths for students by facilitating access to work related experience that builds upon natural strengths and interests. By providing equal access to assessment tools, speakers, internships and support from career coaches, FutureMap helps Issaquah School District students, families, and local business communities build a brighter future for our graduates.

Encouraging Collaboration

This partnership recognizes opportunities do not happen in isolation, and impacts far more than just individuals – it impacts entire communities.

By integrating FutureMap program into the Foundation-funded Career Cruising platform, students utilize detailed career assessments and resources to connect the dots between their skills, interests, abilities, education, and future plans.

This platform enables collaboration among all community partners in preparing youth to transition from the classroom to the work force. Integrated seamlessly with the District’s Career Counselling initiatives, FutureMap provides the opportunity for:
- Online discussion boards with local career coaches
- Guest speakers
- Company tours/job shadows
- After-school and summer internships
- Employment opportunities

This opportunity and more are made possible by the All in for Kids campaign and your attendance at the Nourish Every Mind Luncheon and Breakfast on April 28th and May 4th. Register to attend at isfdn.org.

What is in the 2016 Bond?

- The construction of four new schools: The District has grown by more than 2,000 students in the past four years and is conservatively projected to add an additional 1,500 to 2,000 students in the next five years. This continued enrollment growth requires the addition of two new elementary schools, a 6th middle school and a 4th comprehensive high school.
- Property for school sites: The District must acquire the property needed for the new schools in the 2016 Bond.
- Rebuild Pine Lake Middle School: Originally built in 1974, PLMS will be completely reconstructed on site, providing a new learning environment for the new schools in the 2016 Bond.
- Critical Expansion/Modernization of six existing elementary schools: In order to accommodate growing student populations and provide for State funded Full Day Kindergarten, Discovery, Endeavour, Sunset, Cougar Ridge, Maple Hills and Clark Elementary schools will all be expanded/modernized by four to eight classrooms each.

How will the 2016 Bond impact taxes?

- In relation to current property taxes, if the $533.5M bond is approved, residents can expect to see NO increase in the tax rate if the bond is approved. The tax rate will remain at or below the current $4.14 per $1000 of assessed property value.
- How do we keep your tax rate stable? The District has experienced rapid growth in the total assessed value of property due to continued new construction of housing and commercial properties as well as higher valuations for existing homes. Additionally, in order to support our goal of predictable taxes, the District has structured a decrease in its current long term tax collections allowing for the "new" taxes generated by the 2016 Bond to not increase your tax rate.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Moody’s rating service has recognized the Issaquah School District for strong fiscal management with its highest Aaa rating. Only 0.45% of school districts nationwide share this distinction, which helps keep tax rates as low as possible for residents.
Construction work is progressing at Issaquah Middle School and Sunny Hills Elementary this spring. Both schools are being completely rebuilt and will be ready to welcome students this fall. These two projects are part of the 2012 school bond that included the renovations and expansions at Issaquah Valley Elementary, Apollo Elementary, and the final phase of Liberty High School’s expansion. Part of the current Issaquah Middle School is being renovated to house the District’s new choice high school, Gibson EL, and construction for the rebuild of Clark Elementary will begin this summer.

This spring, construction crews at Issaquah Middle School have nearly completed the classrooms, including seven science labs on the first floor. The main office and reception area offers greater security and a clear line of supervision into the commons area. A courtyard will allow opportunities for students to enjoy lunch and activities outside in good weather. Crews are working in the specialty areas of the school, including the band, chorus, video production, and art rooms. These rooms include extra insulation and soundproofing. The second and third floor classrooms, are accessible by a staircase, elevator, and walkway from the first floor. Natural light from the roof illuminates the floors below. On the outside, masonry work is beginning. The three story footprint of the building leaves space for eight portables and future expansions as enrollment continues to grow.

The Sunny Hills Elementary floor plan is based on the one at Briarwood, although the floor plan is flipped and makes adjustments for the features and location of the existing school. The school will have 32 classrooms. Many of the classrooms are complete with cabinetry installed. The playground area has been situated so that it is protected from bus and parent drop off and pick up areas. Currently the plumbing, electrical and data cabling is being finished up. Visitors driving by will see that masonry work is nearing completion on the exterior.

This summer will be busy for our construction teams as the old school will be demolished and the play fields area has been situated so that it is protected from bus and parent drop off, bus loop, and parking areas.

You can keep up to date on these and all of the Issaquah School District’s construction projects by visiting our website. The Capital Projects webpage, at www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/departments/CapProjects offers construction reports, updates, project information, site plans, photos, and more. We will celebrate the opening of these schools in late August and the whole community is invited to attend. Watch for an invitation through the District’s E-News or on our website.

**PAST 10 YEARS OF CONSTRUCTION**

**NEW BUILDINGS**
- Cresside Elementary, Grand Ridge Elementary, and Pacific Cascade Middle Schools, Satellite Transportation Center

**REBUILDS**
- Briarwood Elementary, Sunny Hills Elementary, Issaquah High, and Issaquah Middle Schools

**REMODELS**
- Apollo Elementary, Issaquah Valley Elementary, Challenger Elementary, Liberty High, Markwood Middle, and Skyline High Schools

**RESPONSIBLE FINANCING**

5% COST TO BORROW AT THE DISTRICT’S HIGHEST BOND RATING (Moodys Aaa). The estimated net interest cost for the 2016 voted bond authorization is approximately 5%.

.05%-.40% COST TO BORROW AT LESSER RATINGS: DEPENDS ON AUTHORIZATION STRUCTURE, LESSER RATED WASHINGTON SCHOOL BONDS MAY HAVE INTEREST COSTS .05% TO .40% HIGHER THAN 92’S.

$16 MILLION POTENTIAL TAXPAYER SAVINGS FROM THE LOWER BORROWING COST: ABOUT $16 MILLION FOR 92’S CURRENT OUTSTANDING BOND DEBT.

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF NEW DISTRICT BUILDINGS**

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**FACTS**

19,700 STUDENTS (OCTOBER 2015)

**IN THE ISSAQUAH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**ENROLLMENT AND SCHOOL BUILDINGS**

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1. Classroom walkway at Issaquah Middle School.
2. Courtyard area at Issaquah Middle School.
3. Workers on site at Issaquah Middle School.
4. Masonry work beginning at Sunny Hills Elementary.
5. Library taking shape at Sunny Hills Elementary.

**BUILDING SCHOOLS**

**LONG-TERM IMPACT***

- The changing cost of construction between structural steel and reinforcing bar prices are commodities and materials prices have stabilized on improving global demand.

- Structural, steel, and reinforcing bar prices are recovering from the recent downturn.

*Projects envision for priority and completion in the same timeframe based on district’s projects.

**NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX**

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