WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

What a week for Tacoma Public Schools. With construction plans for Washington Elementary well underway. On-site walk throughs and bid openings are right around the corner. May 14, 4 p.m. - On-site walk through (mandatory for prime contractors) May 30, 2 & 3:30 p.m. - Bid opens

More dates for Washington construction.

DISTRICT COLLABORATES WITH LOCAL LABOR GROUPS

Tacoma Public Schools Superintendent Carla Santorno met in April and May with key city, school and construction labor stakeholders to discuss strategies for how to involve local labor and construction-related firms in school construction projects. Read full story

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS: A Look Ahead

Your support of the $500 million bond issue will replace 14 schools and make nearly 120 health, safety, security and other upgrades at just about every school in the district. Here’s a look ahead at a few small capital projects scheduled for the next few months:

June
* Pave walkways at Fawcett and Fern Hill
* Install playground benches and tables at Mary Lyon

July
* Energy-efficient lighting conversions at several schools
* Add video system for instruction at Mt. Tahoma
* Replace concrete pad at Whitman

August
* Modernize library space at Meeker
* Add hands-free call button at several schools
* Replace courtyard gates at Boze
* Construct wind/rain shield at Browns Point
* Add main entry window to increase visibility at Reed
* ADA improvements at several schools

Contractors interested in submitting a bid for a Tacoma Public Schools’ project must be registered on the district’s Small Works Roster. Stay up to date on open bids by registering at Public Purchase to receive project announcements.

STAY CONNECTED

Construction is moving full speed ahead. And there’s more to come. Stay connected with frequent updates and important information about school design and construction projects.

Building for Achievement
Stay tuned for frequent updates and important information about school
POINT DEFIANCE PARK HOST CHARETTE

Don't think the school environment plays a role in student achievement? Well just ask the community members who participated this week at Point Defiance Park Program Plan charette to provide their input on the renovation or future enhancements within the park. The group focused on:

* Education and life-long learning in the park;
* Special events and tourism;
* Active living and community wellness; and,
* Environmental stewardship with nature-based leisure activities and programs.

The Planning & Construction, McGranahan Architects for the new Science and Math Institute (SAMI) school and Point Defiance Park team members meet regularly to partner on planning initiatives that reflect the community's desires for a vibrant and active place to play, learn and grow--now and for future generations.

Want to learn more? Go to DestinationPointDefiance.org