



Lincoln High School Renovation Update: Preserving our Past

Although Lincoln High School is not listed as a registered historic building, the WWPS Superintendent and Design Team are incorporating aesthetic approaches that compliment such preservation design standards.

As approved by voters, the scope of the Lincoln remodel includes pragmatic renovations of the current facility (e.g. upgrading life/safety, HVAC, electrical, plumbing, windows/doors, and energy efficiency considerations). Also included in the bond program scope was a modest facility addition necessary to support the required elevator and shaft addition for ADA compliance, incorporate an ADA accessible and secure vestibule main entrance per code, and a modest performing arts addition (e.g. Black Box Theater).

In accordance with the Secretary of the Interior Historic Preservation Guidelines: *If an exterior addition is needed to an historic building it should be designed and constructed to be clearly differentiated from the historic building.*

The approach to achieve the desired differentiation between new and old is to utilize a steel and glass atrium/lobby space between the new and existing construction. Inside the lobby, the existing exterior wall (now interior) will be exposed and protected in original condition as much as possible. To be compatible with the existing construction the black box addition is anticipated to be constructed with masonry materials without attempting to match the existing.



A similar approach and guidelines were followed with the addition at Sharpstein Elementary (below).

