



Ribbon Cutting Celebrations & School Tours

Walla Walla Public Schools continues to deliver on its bond promises with the announcement of ribbon cutting ceremonies and campus tours of all three major renovation projects. Please mark these dates on your calendar and celebrate with the school district on these historic accomplishments.

WA-HI

Wednesday 9/21

Ribbon Cutting, BBQ, Tour & Dick Neher Plaza Commemoration
4 to 6 p.m.

PIONEER

Wednesday 9/28

Ribbon Cutting & Tour
4 to 6 p.m.

LINCOLN

Wednesday 10/5

Ribbon Cutting & Tour
4 to 6 p.m.

Thank you Voters!

VOTER APPROVED PROJECTS		PROGRESS	
	Promises Made	Promises Kept	
Tax rates would not go up from the 2018 rate of \$1.23/\$1,000	✓	✓	
Maximize Opportunity for Local Contractor/Vendor Involvement	✓	✓	
Independent Community Bond Oversight Committee Formed	✓	✓	
Tax Money Being Spent Only on Voter Approved Projects	✓	✓	
DISTRICT-WIDE IMPROVEMENTS			
Safety & Security Improvements	✓	✓	
Replace 43-yr-old Berney Elementary Roof & HVAC System	✓	✓	
Replace 39-yr-old Blue Ridge Roof	✓	✓	
Prospect Point Safety Improvements	✓	✓	
Replace 26-yr-old Green Park Roof	✓	✓	
Additional Roofing, Backup Power & Safety Upgrades	✓	✓	
PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL			
Safety/Security Improvements/Access	✓	✓	
Renovate 1950's Classrooms	✓	✓	
Renovate 1950's Gym & Locker Rooms	✓	✓	
Commons/Cafeteria/Kitchen Expansion	✓	✓	
Additional PE/Activity Area	✓	✓	
Fine Arts/CTE Improvements	✓	✓	
Classroom Additions	✓	✓	
Improved Parking & Traffic Flow	✓	✓	
Remove 8 Portable Classrooms	✓	✓	
LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL			
Renovate Original 1927 Classrooms/Infrastructure	✓	✓	
Minor Renovation to 1964 Wing	✓	✓	
ADA/Accessibility Improvements	✓	✓	
Drama/Fine Arts Expansion	✓	✓	
Remove 4 Portable Classrooms	✓	✓	
Preserve Historic Architecture Appeal and Facade	✓	✓	
WALLA WALLA HIGH SCHOOL			
Construct New Science Wing	✓	✓	
Site Utilities & Infrastructure Upgrades to Meet Code	✓	✓	
Safety & Security Improvements Campus-wide	✓	✓	
Improve 37-yr-old Vocational Building & Greenhouse	✓	✓	
Improve and Expand 58-yr-old Performing Arts Classrooms	✓	✓	
Renovate 58-yr-old Classrooms Campus-wide	✓	✓	
New Fitness Addition	✓	✓	
ADA Improvements Campus-wide	✓	✓	
HVAC & Energy Efficiency Improvements	✓	✓	
Renovate 58-yr-old Commons/Kitchen & Student Hub Addition	✓	✓	
Minor Improvements to 31-yr-old Media Center	✓	✓	
Culinary Arts & CTE Expansion	✓	✓	
Improve Parking, Access & Traffic Flow	✓	✓	
Renovate 58-yr-old Locker Rooms	✓	✓	
Remove 16 Portable Classrooms	✓	✓	

Actual rate only \$1.03/\$1,000

Bond Oversight Committee



Superintendent Dr. Wade Smith takes Bond Oversight Committee members on a tour of Lincoln High School. The group has met nearly 30 times since 2018 to provide oversight on all aspects of the bond program.

Committee Members:

- » Scott Morasch, *Chair*
- » Mark Hess, *Vice Chair*
- » Bonnie Bowton
- » Lawson Knight
- » Kim McDaniels
- » Terry McConn
- » Jennifer Mouat
- » Dick Moeller
- » Ken Seibold
- » Tony Wenham

Committee Accomplishments:

- ✓ Convened over two dozen accountability review meetings and on-site inspections
- ✓ Reviewed and publicly posted monthly bond budget reports and project updates to ensure community transparency and financial accountability
- ✓ Supervised the advertisement and selection of the projects general contractors, architects, vendors and consultants
- ✓ Assisted in securing over 50 local contractors and suppliers for bond project work
- ✓ Carefully reviewed financial statements, project scope and construction progress to ensure bond dollars were only being spent on projects approved by voters
- ✓ Will ensure any remaining bond proceeds after project completion are returned to voters in order to reduce the cost to local taxpayers

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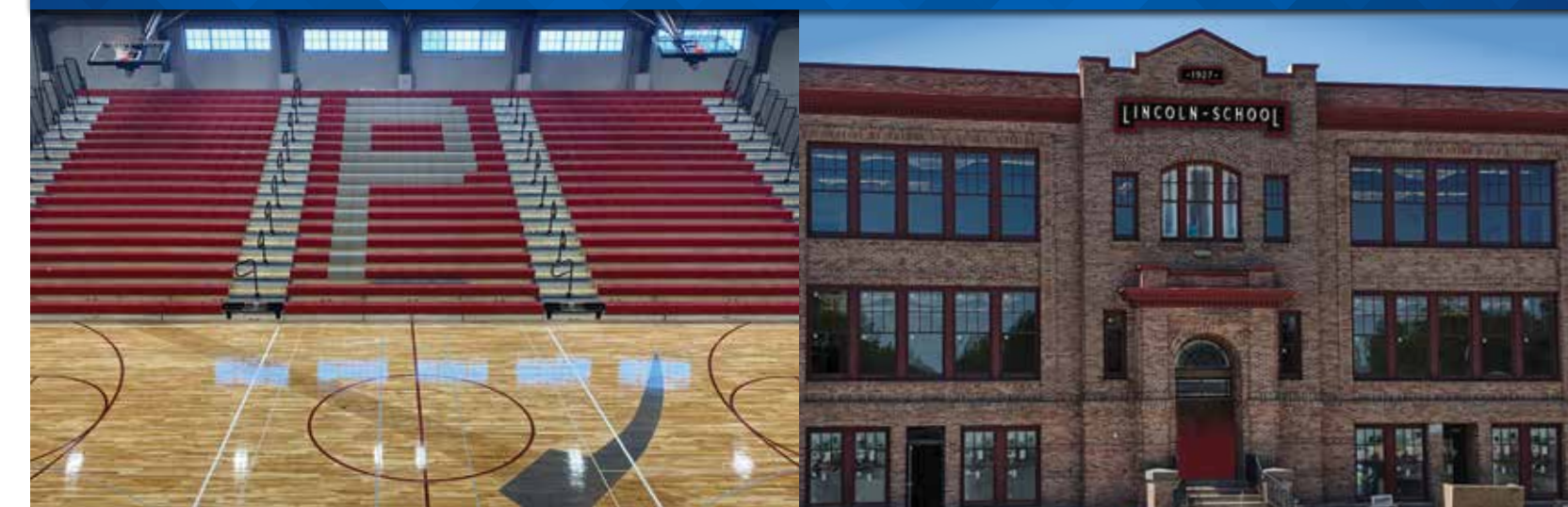
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Delivering on Our Promise



All 2018 Bond Projects Finished on Schedule and on Budget
Thank you voters!





BOND SUMMARY

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On November 6, 2018, Walla Walla voters overwhelmingly approved a \$65.6M bond measure with an historic 73% YES vote. As promised to the community tax rates would not increase (they have actually decreased by \$.20/\$1,000), local dollars generated would be matched nearly dollar-for-dollar from the state to fund the advertised improvements, and a citizen-led bond oversight committee would ensure bond and matching dollars were spent only on voter-approved projects.

Partnering with dozens of local contractors and vendors, the district is proud to report it has Delivered on Its Promises! Renovations and improvements at Walla Walla High School, Pioneer Middle School, Lincoln High School, and specific district-wide safety and infrastructure projects are wrapping up on time and on budget!

Despite completing construction during a pandemic, global supply chain interruptions, and skyrocketing materials and related costs,

all projects remain on schedule as the district wraps up all of the voter-approved bond improvements this fall.

WWPS also kept its promise to hire local, as nearly 50 Walla Walla Valley contractors and vendors were hired to work on these projects.

The district would like to thank the citizens of Walla Walla for your ongoing support and trust. Your vote of confidence in these historic improvements will help shape the lives of Walla Walla children for generations to come.

Neher gives lasting gift to the community

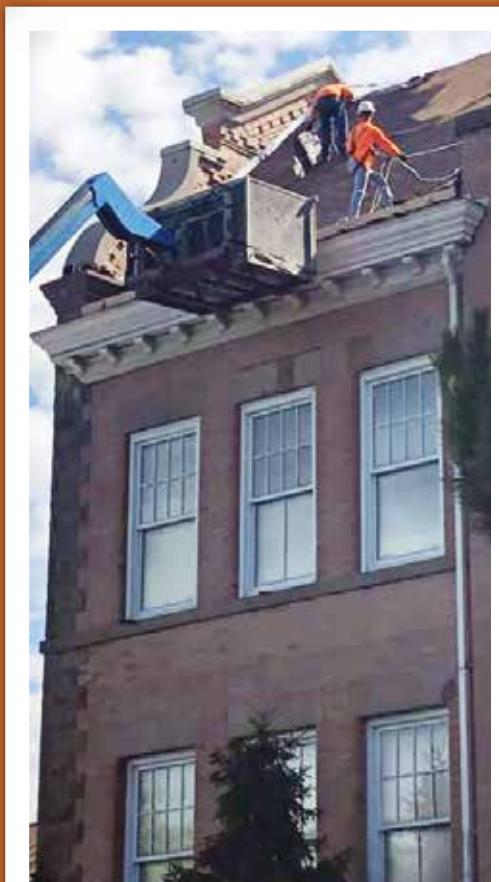
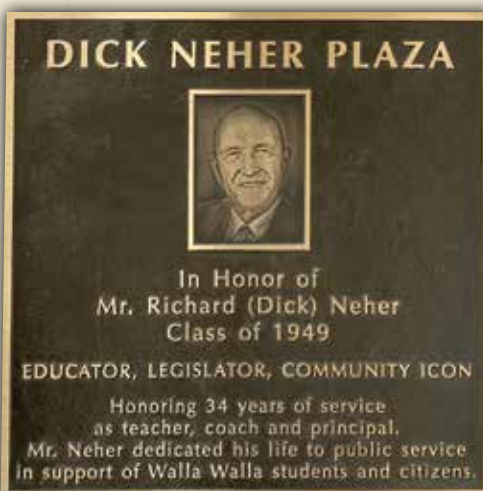
» Lifelong Walla Walla resident Dick Neher was known for giving back to the community he loved dearly as an educator, legislator, father, grandfather and husband. But it was on a blistering hot summer day in 2018 the legendary Walla Walla High School graduate, principal, coach and teacher returned to his former school to share one of his last gifts to the community. After learning about

November 6, 2018, community members overwhelmingly supported the largest bond measure in district history with a 73% percent YES vote.

This passing opened the door for approximately \$120M in critical facility improvements, with Olympia picking up nearly half the tab in unprecedented state matching dollars which greatly

minimized the cost to local taxpayers. The combined local and state grant resources were sufficient to renovate the three schools and provide essential voter-approved facility and safety updates to other campuses across the district. Regrettably, just three weeks following this historic election night, Neher passed away at his home after ongoing health conditions. He was 87. In a letter Neher sent to Superintendent Smith, just prior to his passing, Neher congratulated the district noting that, "I have been involved in numerous bond issues throughout my sixty three years associated in various capacities with our district and this was the best pre-bond preparation I have observed." Neher's legacy will live on at Walla

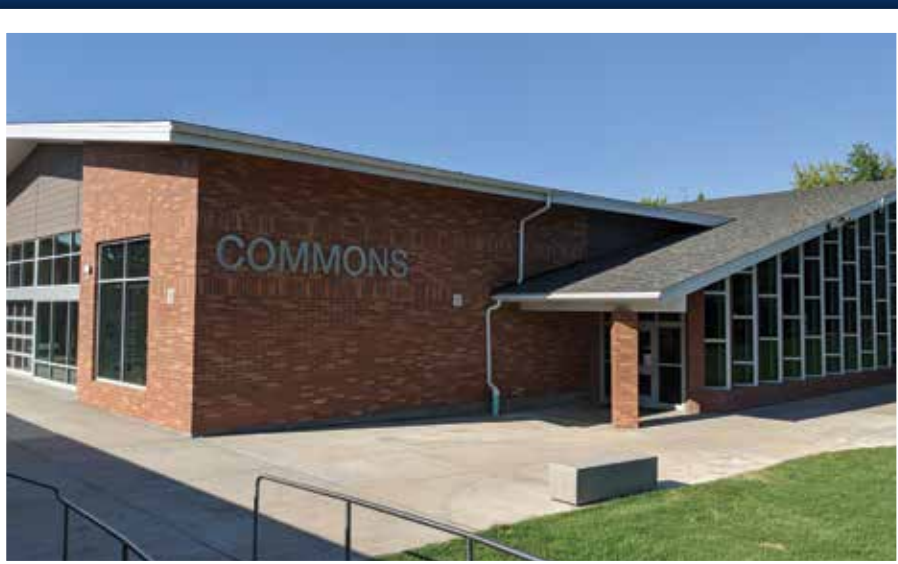
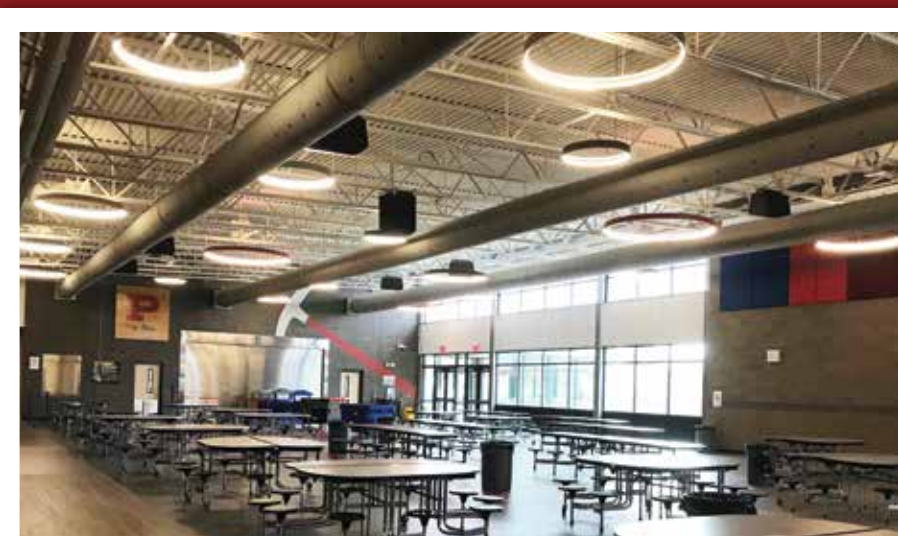
Walla High School through the Dick Neher Student Plaza located outside the Commons area. A bronze plaque with his photo, name and career scope will be mounted in the plaza for everyone to enjoy. Dick Neher always put others first and his impact in the community will be felt for generations. <<



School Safety & Infrastructure Projects

School Safety and preserving the district's aging infrastructure were high priorities for the Community Facilities Task Force when it assisted the district in developing a long-range facilities improvement plan prompting the successful 2018 bond proposal. Safety improvements included new access control systems to easily lock doors and guard against unwanted intruders. Technology enhancements and improved school communications systems across campuses were addressed. New roofs were also a priority and Berney, Green Park and Blue Ridge (now WWCCF) Elementary Schools all received new roof systems. Berney also received a new heating and cooling system.

PHOTO: Local contractor Elsom Roofing replaces aged Green Park roof.



Pioneer Middle School Renovation

Those who have lived in Walla Walla since the 1990s remember the devastating fire that damaged a portion of Pioneer Middle School in December 1990. Insurance claims paid for repairs of the spaces damaged by the fire, while the rest of the 1950's era school largely went untouched for the next 30 plus years. The successful 2018 bond changed all that by paving the way for an extensive renovation and expansion of the 70-year-old school. A new main entrance addition next to the gym improves safety by establishing a single access point to the school. The commons and kitchen were expanded, a new physical education and activities center was added and the original 1950's gym and

locker rooms were completely renovated. The 1950's wing on the south side of the campus was completely modernized, larger and improved music classrooms were added, new state-of-the-art science classrooms and modern art room were constructed and all portables were removed. A new parking lot was added, traffic flow improvements were made to Bridge and Roosevelt Streets and safety and technology upgrades were made campuswide. The school now features a modern heating and cooling system, energy efficient windows, better insulation, electrical updates and plumbing improvements.

Lincoln High School Renovation

Walla Walla Public Schools has a proud tradition of restoring historic schools like Sharpstein and Green Park Elementaries to serve future generations for decades to come. This trend continued when district leaders and the Community Facilities Task Force listened to the Walla Walla Historic Preservation Commission and decided to renovate Lincoln High School. Local architect Henry Osterman designed Paine Elementary, now Lincoln High School, in the 1920's before the school opened in 1927. Osterman, who also designed the Liberty Theater and Walla Walla Carnegie Library, will have his legacy live on at Lincoln High School thanks to a 14-month, comprehensive

renovation project. All of the century-old classrooms were updated with new lighting, technology, flooring and fire suppression. The school now features a modern heating and cooling system, energy efficient windows, better insulation, electrical updates and plumbing improvements. A new entrance addition off 3rd Avenue improves safety by establishing a single-access point to the school, ADA accessibility and elevator. The addition also houses a new drama and fine arts black box theater. Minor improvements were made to the 1964 wing, the aged portables were removed and the parking lot was expanded.

Walla Walla High School Renovation

Constructed on the south-end of Walla Walla with breathtaking views of the majestic Blue Mountains, Walla Walla High School has been the crown jewel of the community at its current location for nearly six decades. This fall the iconic school welcomed students and staff back to a fully renovated and expanded facility. Improvements can be seen at all buildings across the sprawling campus. The Commons features a brand new kitchen and serving lines. It also includes an addition housing the student store, more seating space and new energy efficient fan-fold windows for the north-facing wall seen from Abbott Road. The original science and academic buildings were stripped to the studs and rebuilt to today's construction

and learning standards. All buildings have new roofs, ADA provisions and air conditioning. A new science wing was added and the original music building was renovated to support the drama program and award-winning music programs. Parking lots have been expanded and improved to enhance safety and traffic flow. The new main entrance at the corner of Abbott Road and Fern Avenue is easier for visitors to access and provides a welcoming feel to the campus. Safety and security have been improved through campus-wide access control systems, better cameras and window treatments in all buildings. And, as promised, all portables have been removed and replaced with permanent spaces.



Community Facilities Task Force Membership

- Paul Schneidmiller (Chair) - *Business*
- Tony Cabasco - *Higher Education*
- Jim Dumont - *WW City*
- Roger Esparza - *Realtor*
- Darcey Fugman-Small - *Business*
- Chris Garratt - *Health Services*
- Randy Glaeser - *WW County*
- Don Holbrook - *Corrections*
- John Keifel - *Classified Rep*
- Dean Lodmell - *Local Engineer*
- Dick Moeller - *Local Contractor*
- Linda Newcomb - *Local Architect*
- Jim Peterson - *Higher Education*
- Kara Schulke - *Parent*
- Phil Shivell - *Local Contractor*
- Craig Sievertsen - *Finance*
- Keith Swanson - *Certificated Rep*
- Peter Swant - *Port Commissioner*
- Casey Waddell - *Finance*
- Jerry Zahl - *Agriculture*



Walla Walla Public Schools convened the Community Facilities Task Force in the fall of 2016 to assist in the development of a long-range Facilities Improvement Plan. Under the leadership of local businessman and Graduate of Distinction Paul Schneidmiller, the Community Facilities Task Force developed a plan focused on needs, not wants, based on community input. The approved plan ensured every dollar spent was effectively prioritized and allocated to achieve the maximum benefit to every student, while controlling costs for taxpayers.

