

Breaking ground for the future



Students from Shorecrest and its feeder schools—Briarcrest, Brookside, Kellogg, Lake Forest Park and Ridgecrest—participated in a ceremonial groundbreaking on Sept. 10 during the Shorecrest 50th anniversary celebration. (Photo by Sang-Won Cho)

Construction of new high schools to begin this fall

The preliminary sitework phase of the Shorecrest and Shorewood modernization and replacement is now complete.

At Shorecrest, contractors have finished site work for the future gymnasium along with bringing new and enhanced utilities to the campus. Over the summer, crews worked on 25th Avenue Northeast and adjacent streets installing utilities for the new buildings.

The south parking lot reopened for the beginning of school Sept. 12 and students began using the modular classrooms placed on the campus last spring. Spee West Construction Co. of Edmonds was recently awarded the general construction contract for Shorecrest. Construction is expected to begin on the gymnasium in October and the theater will close for modernization in late December.

Site preparation work at Shorewood has included demolition of the existing portables and a portion of the 100-wing along North 175th Street, grading and

installation of underground utilities. The former Shorewood wood shop area has been renovated to provide temporary classroom space during construction of the new building, and temporary portable classrooms have been also been placed on the school's field.

A general contractor will be selected in October and building construction will proceed after that. A groundbreaking ceremony for the new Shorewood will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, October 17 at the school. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The District will receive more than \$37.7 million from the state School Construction Assistance Program for the modernization/replacement of both high schools. Shorewood will receive \$18.335 and Shorecrest \$18.675 million for replacement of existing buildings. Shorecrest will also receive nearly \$740,000 for modernization of the school's theater.

The state funding will be combined with

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Looking north toward Ronald School, the new Shorewood High School site is ready for building construction to begin this fall.

the \$150 million bond issue approved by Shoreline School District voters in February 2010 for the rebuilding of Shorecrest and Shorewood.

Scheduled completion of both buildings is expected for the 2013-14 school year. To view the phasing plans and designs for both schools, visit the High School modernization page at www.shorelineschools.org/modernization.

Superintendent's Message:

Setting District priorities for 2011-12

Dear Shoreline Schools Community,

The beginning of the 2011-12 school year has been filled with excitement, anticipation and celebration. For the students enrolled in the Shoreline Schools, our collective goal is to support each child both academically and socially.

We recently received the results from the state assessments last spring. Our students performed consistently well

above the state average in every area. Our students also performed better on the SAT and ACT tests than those in the state and the nation. However, despite these results, we challenge ourselves to do even better.

We continue to celebrate the fact that Shoreline's graduation rate now exceeds 90 percent, up more than 10 percent from five years ago. Our interventions and our extended learning efforts are paying off. But as educators, we won't be satisfied until every child leaves us with a diploma.

Finally, about 73 percent of our graduates go immediately into either a two or four-year college environment. More than 90 percent of them return for a second year. Our goal is for every student to graduate career and/or college ready. That is an expectation that we have for all of our children.



To this end, the 2011-12 Board/Superintendent/District Priorities summarize a work plan that will keep our District focused on maintaining our instructional programs, operational practices and communications at a high level for our educational community.

PRIORITY 1: Increase the academic achievement of every student.

PRIORITY 2: Maintain fiscal systems and adequate reserves to insure the long term financial stability of the District.

PRIORITY 3: Continue implementation of the capital projects identified in the 2006 Bond, the 2010 Bond and the 2010 technology levy.

PRIORITY 4: Continue focus on improved and expanded Human Resources services.

PRIORITY 5: Refine and expand infrastructure and educational uses for instructional technology.

PRIORITY 6: Continue to explore opportunities for open and timely communication with the Shoreline and Lake Forest Park communities, parents, and district staff.

As we implement our work plan for 2011-12, we constantly reflect upon and are appreciative of the supportive educational community we serve. Your partnership with our schools make them exceptional places to go to school and practice our profession. Thank you for your continued commitment to our Shoreline Schools.

Sincerely,

Changes in state law may affect Running Start students

Starting this fall, a change in state law will affect students planning on enrolling in Running Start programs.

The state legislature reduced the state reimbursement for high school junior and senior students attending classes at Community and Technical Colleges (CTCs), such as Shoreline Community College.

This change means that students and families will be required to pay for additional credit at CTCs should students elect to attend high school and a CTC beyond the new lower state maximum number of credits.

Whereas the state previously allowed qualifying students to attend Running

Start programs full-time (a 1.0 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) in the state language) and high school full-time (a 1.0 FTE) for a combined enrollment of 2.0 FTE, the change limits state-funded FTE to 1.2.

The impact is that the state may not pay all CTC costs should a student enroll in both high school and CTC courses and families would be required to pay any difference.

Students who are signed up for Running Start programs for the 2011-12 school year should meet with their school counselor to verify their Running Start enrollment and approve charges for any courses that exceed 1.2 FTE.

Shoreline Schools Calendar

September 2011

23 • Shorecrest vs. Shorewood football, 7 p.m., Shoreline Stadium

26 • School Board regular meeting, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center

26 • Shoreline PTA Council meeting, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center

October 2011

3 • School Board regular meeting, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center

7 • No School, Staff Work Day

10 • Highly Capable Program Parent Information Night, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center, call 393-4771 for information

12 • PSAT testing for 10th grade and other interested students

12 to 14 • Early Release for grades ADK-6 for Elementary Conferences

14 • Shorecrest homecoming football, 7 p.m., Shoreline Stadium

17 • Shorewood HS groundbreaking for new building, 4 p.m.

17 • School Board regular meeting, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center

21 • Shorewood homecoming football, 7 p.m., Shoreline Stadium

24 • Shoreline PTA Council meeting, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center

For more events, visit www.shorelineschools.org

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FACTS ABOUT Supplemental Levy proposal



November 8, 2011 General Election • Please Remember to Vote

In response to state budget reductions, the Shoreline School District will present a Supplemental Levy proposal to support class size on the November 8, 2011 general election ballot.

The sole purpose of presenting this levy to voters is to keep as many teachers as possible in Shoreline classrooms.

The decision by the School Board to place the supplemental levy on the ballot comes in the wake of cuts to basic education in Shoreline of approximately \$6.2 million annually.

Included in these cuts (see chart below) is:

- \$4.3 million in voter-approved I-728 dollars used for class-size reduction, professional development of staff and extended learning opportunities for struggling students.
- \$1.1 million for class-size support in grades K-4, funding which has been in place for more than 20 years.
- More than \$770,000 was reduced in other areas, including salary compensation.

The state anticipates further reductions to K-12 funding in 2012.

The impact of these reductions is magnified by the additional loss of federal stimulus funds for special education and Title I programs.

Shoreline School District No. 412 Proposition 1 Supplemental Levy to Support Class Size

These are the projected levy amounts and collections beginning in 2012:

Collection Year	Levy amount	Estimated Rate per \$1,000 of assessed value
2012	\$1.3 million	\$0.09
2013	\$1.4 million	\$0.09
2014	\$1.5 million	\$0.10

The measure would require a simple majority for passage. Current estimates suggest that such a measure would increase rates about \$36 a year for a home valued at \$400,000. Voters in the neighboring districts of Edmonds, Northshore and Seattle have approved similar supplemental levy measures.

Ballots for the general election will be mailed to registered voters October 21 and must be postmarked by election day November 8.

For voter registration information, visit www.kingcounty.gov/elections.

For more information about the Supplemental Levy, please contact the Public Information Office at 206-393-4412 or visit the District Web site: www.shorelineschools.org

Impact of State Budget Reductions on Shoreline Schools

	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
State Funding	-\$3 million	-\$3.6 million	-\$6.2 million	-\$6.2 million
Federal Stimulus/EduJobs	\$2.7 million	\$3.3 million	0	0
Revenue Impact	-\$300,000	-\$300,000	-\$6.2 million	-\$6.2 million
Retirement/Health Care increases			-\$405,000	-\$460,000
Total Impact of Legislative Action			-\$6.6 million	-\$6.6 million