

Lincoln County School District

Full Day Kindergarten Lincoln City Reconfiguration Proposals

October 29th, 2014: Oceanlake Elementary 6:00 p.m.

November 4th, 2014: Taft Elementary 6:00 p.m.

November 13th, 2014: Taft 7-12 6:00 p.m.

Configuration History

- 1995-96: Taft Ele (K-5) and Taft MS (6-8) located on 50th St.
- 1996-1998: Reconfiguration Discussion Begins
- 1998: Taft Ele becomes K-6 and Taft MS moves to High School Drive
- 2005-2006: Taft Ele becomes K-6 on 50th St.
- 2006-2007: Taft Middle School CLOSED and moved to Taft 7-12
- 2007-2008: Taft Elementary (K-6) Moves to HS Drive

Facility Improvements

- Additional Classrooms at Taft Ele and Oceanlake
- Gym and Stage Added to Oceanlake
- Classroom Remodels and Upgrades
- New Roof and Technology Updates Taft 7-12
- New Playground at Oceanlake Ele
- Furniture Upgrades at Both Elementary Schools

Options for Consideration

- Taft Elementary K-6 and Oceanlake Elementary K-6
 - Add Four Classrooms to Oceanlake Elementary
 - Add Two Classrooms to Taft Elementary

Cost: \$1.2 Million
- Oceanlake K-6 and Taft Elementary K-6
 - Significant boundary lines shift to accommodate current and projected enrollment, roughly making Oceanlake an Otis and Rose Lodge area school.
 - Add 2 additional classrooms at Taft Elementary
 - Move HELP Program and Early Intervention
 - Cost: \$450,000

Options for Consideration

- Oceanlake Elementary K-2 and Taft Elementary 3-6
 - Add Two Classrooms to Taft Elementary
 - Possible Bus Routes Added to Decrease Riding Time
 - Move HELP Program to Taft 7-12
 - Cost: \$450,000

Financial Implications

\$1.2 Million Dollar LCSD Remodel/Reconfiguration

- Taft Elementary School Remodel w/ 2 Classrooms, Windows, Internal Cafeteria Ramp Access = \$450,000
- Newport Remodel = \$670,000 (Least costly being explored)
- Toledo Remodel = \$40,000
- Waldport Remodel = \$9,000

*Additional \$750,000 to add classrooms to Oceanlake Elementary, if the reconfiguration and boundary options are not selected.

Why Full Day Kindergarten?

- **Contributes to increased school readiness** - Students in full-day kindergarten are better prepared for primary grade learning, do better with the transition to 1st grade, show significant gains in school socialization, and are equipped with stronger learning skills.
- **Leads to higher academic achievement** - Full-day kindergarten students show a trend toward higher achievement, and achievement gains appear to persist over time. Research findings include higher achievement on standardized assessments as well as better grades.
- **Improves student attendance** - Students in full-day kindergarten show better attendance through the primary grades, which translates to increased learning time.
- **Supports literacy and language development** - Full-day kindergarten students show faster gains on literacy and language measures, including 3rd grade reading assessment. (Oregon Department of Education 1/14)

Why Reconfiguration?

- Allow for space for full day kindergarten.
- Bond dollars and Construction Excise Tax funding can still be used for classroom construction/remodels.
- Provide more focused learning opportunities and services per grade level in each building.
- Provide all 6th grade students with equal access to advanced courses.
- Provide focused collaboration time and professional development.

Timeline

- 2007-2009: LCSD Offers Full-Day Kindergarten
- 2009-2014: Funds are not allocated for Full Day Kindergarten
- January 2014: State strongly encourages districts to support Full Day Kindergarten (funding may or may not be included)
- July 2014: Superintendent Steve Boynton and Facilities and Maintenance Director Rich Belloni visit schools to see Bond progress and assess ability to house Full Day Kindergarten (10 additional classrooms for teachers in LCSD)

Timeline

August-Sept 2014: LCSD Begins to review financial impact of expanding to Full Day Kindergarten.

October 2014: Plans are ordered from Capri Architecture for the remodel of Taft Elementary “Rubber Room”. Decided that with increased enrollment, the plans are needed regardless of Full Day Kindergarten decision.

Oct-Nov 2014: Staff and Community Meetings held to gather considerations during the investigation process.

Timeline

- November 18th: LCSD School Board Meeting – Toledo Jr/Sr. High School 7:00 p.m.
- January 2015: Plans for Taft Elementary expected to be delivered for review and permits and RFPs requested, if needed.
- Spring 2015: Construction at Taft Ele. begins for a Sept. 1st open.
- TBD: All personnel decisions and further discussion would require board action on reconfiguration

Compilation of Considerations

Question/ Consideration	Forum of Communication	Response
How long will students be on the bus?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Taft 7-12 Staff 2. Oceanlake Staff 3. Taft Ele Staff 	Mid-Columbia is working on evaluating routes.
Will this impact class sizes?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Taft 7-12 Staff 2. Taft Ele Staff 3. Parent Concern at Soccer Game 	Classes would be more balanced because a boundary would not divide.
Why are these grades the breaking points?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Taft 7-12 Staff 2. Community Meeting (10/29) 	Divisions made based on size and student program needs. Split between grades 2 & 3 divide “learning to read” & “reading to learn”.

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How will Media Center offerings be supplied?	Taft 7-12 Staff Taft Ele Staff	Staff will shift resources, materials, and technology based on need.
Will student physical needs be addressed? (i.e. bathroom & playground)	Taft 7-12 Staff Oceanlake Staff	Facility and Maintenance staff will continue to evaluate.
How will parents pick up students in multiple buildings?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Taft 7-12 Staff 2. Oceanlake Staff 3. Taft Ele Staff 4. Parent Concern at Football Game 5. Community Meeting (10/29) 	Building dismissal will be explored, evaluated, and staggered to allow for transportation.

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Will all three schools have the same calendar?	Taft 7-12 Staff	The School Board approves calendars for each school year. Currently, all three schools have the same calendar.
Has the decision been made or is there still time for input?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Twitter 2. Football Game (2) 	LCSD is still gathering information
How will Special Education be structured?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oceanlake Staff 2. Taft Ele Staff 3. Taft 7-12 Staff 	Programs will be evaluated & structured to meet student needs.

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What will teacher prep time and planning time look like? Collaboration?	1. Oceanlake Staff 2. Taft Ele Staff	Schedules and contracts will be considered throughout the process.
What about Oceanlake Otter and Panther Pride?	1. Oceanlake Staff 2. Community Meeting (10/29)	All schools will work collaboratively towards Tiger Pride.
Who decides which personnel go where?	1. Oceanlake Staff 2. Taft Ele Staff	Personnel discussions have not taken place at this time.

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Will School-Wide Title I Plans need to be re-done	Oceanlake Staff	LCSD is in conversation with ODE about Title needs.
How will specialists work (PE/Music/ESOL/Counselors, etc)?	Oceanlake Staff	Student needs will be met at all buildings. PE/Music/Art are district priorities.
What will happen to the After School Program	Oceanlake Staff	Needs to be explored by Admin and LCSD.

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Is it time to consider a middle school instead of constant shuffling?	Oceanlake Staff	A middle school building is not within current land and budget abilities.
Will we need additional materials, furniture, etc?	Oceanlake Staff	Student material and furniture needs will be met. Classroom set up is included in budget.
With all of the new teachers, is this the time to make the shift?	Oceanlake Staff	ODE is strongly encouraging Full Day Kindergarten for students and LCSD is following that recommendation.

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With another transition, how will we ensure students feel safe and supported?	Oceanlake Staff	Admin and staff will work on transition plans for this option and improve building transitions
Will jobs be lost?	Taft Ele Staff	Personnel discussions have not been had at this time. Current considerations discuss expansion.
Why can't the HELP Center and/or Early Intervention move?	Taft Ele Staff	Other moves are being considered for space accommodations.

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Do we absolutely have to consider reconfiguration?	Taft Ele Staff	LCSD is considering three options but reconfiguration is been further investigated.
Can we add a covered play area for recess like other schools?	Taft Ele Staff Oceanlake Staff	Estimates can be made for possible structures. Bond money was used for the most recent addition at NIS.
How much Bond money is left?	Taft 7-12 Staff (10/29)	\$400,000-\$500,00 Bond \$650,000 Construction Excise Tax

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Does the trimester schedule impact space at Taft 7-12?	Taft 7-12 Staff (10/29)	Trimester implications are still be analyzed.
Where will the people moving to Taft 7-12 be located? What does that do to the Taft 7-12 building configuration?	Taft 7-12 Staff (10/29)	Room assignments and location adjustments will be evaluated based on classroom and program needs.
What is the population difference between buildings from previous round of Full Day Kindergarten?	Taft 7-12 Staff (10/29)	

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Will ½ day kindergarten be enough for a child entering 1 st grade?	Community Meeting (10/29)	No, full-day kindergarten is vital to reduce learning deficits in grades 1-3 .
Would it be an option to do half day at Faith Baptist and half day at Oceanlake?	Community Meeting (10/29)	Parents will have the option of sending their child to kindergarten for half-day sessions.
Will there be opportunities for advanced 2 nd graders to access higher level work?	Community Meeting (10/29)	Students will need to be presented with content and materials at their level so each student continues to grow.

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Is it okay to be transitioning students to a new school/staff during a benchmark testing year?	Community Meeting (10/29)	Yes, staff will work to ensure a smooth transition from one building to the next with an emphasis on continuity of learning
Is the LCSD focus on the K-2/3-6 reconfiguration option?	Community Meeting (10/29)	At this time, LCSD is further investigating the reconfiguration option.
Is bus route changing considering K-12 on the same bus? Concerned about K-12.	Community Meeting (10/29 and 11/4)	MidCo is exploring transportation routes, one option may require K-12 busing.

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Historically, reconfigurations have included staff cuts and higher class size. Will that happen?	Community Meeting (10/29)	Options have all included expansion of current staff and class size will be closely monitored.
How will bus routes be shorter?	Community Meeting (10/29)	MidCo is exploring options in overall route time. K-12 bussing my help with route time.
There are some really exciting things about K-2 and 3-6 focus. Nurturing students is important.	Community Meeting (10/29)	Nurturing students through a transition would be an area of focus at all buildings.

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Was full day kindergarten considered during recent construction?	Community Meeting (10/29)	Not during Bond planning in 2011. Over the past nine months it has been considered.
Will we lose K-6 benefits (i.e. reading buddies, mentor students, etc.)?	Community Meeting (10/29)	These relationships would look different but will continue to be explored.
Is Full Day Kindergarten mandated by ODE?	Community Meeting (10/29)	No, but highly recommended.

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If kindergarten is full day, will it look differently (i.e. recess, breaks, lunch, rest)?	Community Meeting (10/29)	Yes. Kindergarten in the current half-day model will have to change. Teachers are already discussing.
I love the staff and support at OLake. TaftES also has great staff/community.	Community Meeting (10/29)	Staff have started working together. Nurturing schools are important.
Could we still have familiar teachers in the new schools? 2 nd grade roll up to third?	Community Meeting (10/29)	Personnel discussions have not been had at this time. Ideas are being collected for future evaluation.

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Some people like OL or TaftES better. Could this help work towards “Tiger Pride”?	Community Meeting (10/29)	Working towards Tiger Pride is a goal for all three schools and community.
I propose “OL = Tiger Pups, TaftES = Tiger Cubs, and THS = Tigers”	Community Meeting (10/29)	This proposal certainly has all working towards Tiger Pride.
How will trimesters at Taft 7-12 impact electives?	Community Meeting (10/29)	Taft 7-12 Staff are exploring the trimester schedule and elective offerings. This will be further addressed during the year.

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How can parent groups work together as opposed to separately, for those who have kids in both schools?	Community Meeting (10/29)	Both parent groups are strong. This question will be shared with both parent groups for them to consider.
How often will changes continue to happen?	Community Meeting (10/29)	Change is considered when it is either financially/logistically necessary or allows us to offer something better for our students.
How do teachers feel about it?	Community Meeting (10/29)	Staff have been compiling considerations, too.

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How will we ensure that Full Day Kindergarten doesn't go away again after a couple of years?	Community Meeting (10/29)	Full Day Kindergarten is a priority for Superintendent Boynton and strongly encouraged by ODE.
Were portable buildings considered?	Community Meeting (10/29)	No. It took the district 40 years to get rid of the last portables. We would like to avoid temporary structures.
Is there training/help for teachers to help the 2 nd -3 rd grade transition?	Community Meeting (10/29)	Specific professional development will be offered to staff to support them in the transition so students will benefit.

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Has the cost of boxes, moving, and time been factored in to the overall cost?	Community Meeting (10/29)	Yes. In the past 10 years we have shuffled several times. We know the process and budget required.
Have there been thoughts of where the HELP Center would move to?	Community Meeting (11/4)	There are possible locations at Taft 7-12 but nothing firm has been discussed.
Have we looked at other models of K-2 and what that would look like with no state testing?	Community Meeting (11/4)	Preliminary discussions are being had in the district around K-2 Assessments & needs.

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When will the decision be made? When will answers to questions be provided?	Community Meeting (11/4)	Recommendations to the board will not be made until fully researched. Long term plan is needed. Superintendent Boynton hopes to be ready by January.
Are security monitors recording? How many at each elementary?	Community Meeting (11/4)	16 cameras will be added to each elementary school. Funded by Bond.
How do I know if my child needs full day or if ½ day at Faith Baptist is appropriate?	Community Meeting (11/4)	Readiness information will be available to help parents decide.

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If ½ kinder is an option, will it be one room or will parents get to choose ½ day from a full day classroom?	Community Meeting (11/4)	Kindergarten is not compulsory education. Parents may choose. Exact placement has not been discussed
Does cost include set-up only or continuation in the future?	Community Meeting (11/4)	
How does teacher increase impact Special Education classrooms?	Community Meeting (11/4)	

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Is there room to even add on at Olake?	Community Meeting (11/4)	The initial bond was \$63 million but needed to be \$96 million to make everything happen. Olake would need new construction.
What about the Taft Ele Rubber Room being a Media Center and make MC two classrooms?	Community Meeting (11/4)	In plans, a wall will be pulled out in library to expand the computer lab. Two classrooms wouldn't fit.
If we continue to grow, will we have to reconfigure again?	Community Meeting (11/4)	Depends on enrollment. Adding on to Taft 7-12 is possible.

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Will we be looking at targeted classrooms for Special Education students? Class size?	Community Meeting (11/4)	
Are we looking at blended classrooms?	Community Meeting (11/4)	Blends have not been discussed.
Would there be “high” or “low” classes at each grade level?	Community Meeting (11/4)	All students will be met at their individual level. Structures have not been discussed.

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Are the kids on a half day kindergarten at a disadvantage because of squeezing it all in?	Community Meeting (11/4)	Yes. We are trying to move forward and meet each student need.
Will updated answers be put on the website?	Community Meeting (11/4)	Yes. The information will be on the website, just like at O'lake.
Is Isaac Newton Magnet School at risk because of full day kindergarten?	Community Meeting (11/4)	Restructuring will provide robust programs to serve more students. Lincoln City is also reviewing a more focused middle school approach. (same building)

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Would the principals stay the same?	Community Meeting (11/4)	Personnel discussions have not been had at this time.
What is the plan for indoor recess at Taft Ele since the Rubber Room will not be available?	Community Meeting (11/4)	Taft Ele would need to look at other options for indoor recess (i.e. classrooms, gym, etc.)
Is this strictly a money issue or will it be what is best for kids?	Community Meeting (11/4)	The best situation for meeting student learning needs is imperative.

Questions

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