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Bond-Funded School Improvement Projects Still In Progress

With the grand opening of the new Waldport High School in September, many people may think the “to-do list” of capital improvement projects at local schools is finished. In fact, work is scheduled through the next several months at many district schools, on such projects as new unit ventilators and roofing.

“We are done with our biggest projects but still have work that will keep us busy through June 2015,” says Rich Belloni, director of support services for Lincoln County School District. “The good news is that we will accomplish everything that we said we would do, that all 39 portable classroom buildings are now gone, and that there are no more schools in the tsunami zone.”

In May 2011, county voters approved a \$63 million bond measure to fund school improvement projects. Right after the election, the school district “hit the ground running and we haven’t slowed down a bit since,” Belloni says. “We intentionally created a tight construction schedule to get kids into new classrooms as quickly as possible.”

To date, the school district has completed all scheduled new construction, totaling approximately 170,400 square feet. This includes the new Waldport High School and construction of classrooms and other school improvements at Oceanlake Elementary, Newport High, Newport Intermediate, Newport Prep Academy, Sam Case Primary, Taft Elementary, Taft High, Toledo Elementary, and Toledo Junior/Senior High.

Work still to be completed includes installing more than 200 unit ventilators and digital controls in classrooms at Taft Elementary, Toledo Junior/Senior High, Newport Prep Academy and Newport High; replacing inefficient windows at Taft Elementary; upgrading roofing at Taft Elementary, Toledo Junior/Senior High, and Newport High; and completing all construction punch list items at Waldport High.

The architect for the new Waldport High School and the school district’s design consultant, Darla Zagel, “have pages of punch list items,” Belloni says. “They are very picky and will make sure everything is done to their high standards.”

In addition, the district has hired Systems West Engineers, based in Eugene, to perform a third-party independent review of the mechanical and electrical systems completed as part of new construction at Waldport High, Toledo Junior/Senior High, Toledo Elementary, Oceanlake, and Taft Elementary. The commissioning process will ensure that the builders have met all contractual requirements. This same company also will review mechanical and electrical systems near the end of the warranty period to check that everything is still working properly.

As for the unit ventilator installation, this project can be rather complex, Belloni says. In most classrooms, the radiator stretches along an entire wall; when this is replaced by an eight-foot ventilator unit, it leaves a long length of wall to be repaired. Belloni anticipates that installation of unit ventilators will take place during the upcoming winter, spring and summer breaks to lessen the disturbance to students and teachers.

Complete information about LCSD’s bond projects – including financial reports, work completed, and photos – can be found at www.lincoln.k12.or.us > Our District > Bond Projects.

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