

Selah School District

# Building Progress

A construction update for the Selah community

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STUDENT LEARNING  
STUDENT SAFETY

## A Look at the Progress We're Building

### A Message from the Superintendent

**A**s we've settled into the 2019-2020 school year, it is hard to believe we have completed our first month of learning.

Students and staff have been "hitting the books" these opening weeks of school as the District continues to focus on its core purpose of ensuring high levels of learning.

As the year continues, we will be *Building Progress*—not only academically, but with the District's construction projects at the Robert Lince campus and at John Campbell Primary. As we build progress we want to continue to share our growth. Currently that means construction continues at the Lince site where the 48,164 sq. ft. kindergarten facility is proceeding. From the early earth work of last spring, through current framing and roofing tasks, the facility visibly transformed over the summer. Also, the design process continues this fall for the John Campbell first and second grade building.

In this edition of *Building Progress* we are updating patrons on the growth that has been made since last April's ground-breaking at Robert Lince Kindergarten. We will also highlight the early design work for the new John Campbell building.

If you would like to learn more about these projects, please visit our construction website.

I want to take this opportunity to again thank patrons for their continued support of Selah schools. Our District milestones are built together and directly reflect the Selah community's backing.

If you have any questions as we build progress, please contact us at 698-8001.

—Shane Backlund



*Over the summer, the Selah School Board visited the Robert Lince Kindergarten facility to assess the construction progress. Thus far, the project remains on time and will welcome its inaugural class of students in the fall of 2020.*

### A Look at Our Progress...

The core purpose of the Selah School District is to ensure high levels of learning for all students. Whether it is an innovative science experiment, creative writing assignment, review of mathematical concepts, or hands-on experiences, quality instruction is taking place inside Selah classrooms as students and staff work together to cultivate a culture of learning in the 21st Century educational environment.

In addition to the academic focus of Selah Schools, the District has also been "building progress" with its facilities as well.

As a recap, in April 2018, Selah residents approved a \$45.8 million Facilities Bond to replace and restructure John Campbell Primary School. As a result, a kindergarten building is currently being constructed at the Lince campus, and a new first and second grade facility will be built at the existing John Campbell site. While the kindergarten facility continues construction throughout this year, the design phase for the new John Campbell school remains in progress, with ground-breaking targeted for the summer of 2020.

"Excitement continues to build in the District as staff, students, parents and patrons can see the visible progress of the Robert Lince Kindergarten building and anticipate its opening next school year," said Selah Superintendent, Shane Backlund. "From there, the momentum will continue as we build progress at John Campbell. Both projects represent the District's aim of providing high level learning facilities, with quality educational opportunities for every student."

Because Selah residents are important partners in the District's educational and facilities process, we will continue to share updates on the progress of our projects. As we enjoy the busy activities that fall and a new school year bring, let's enjoy the progress we're building.



## In the Selah School District—We're Building Progress

### • Robert Lince Kindergarten

With hard hats on and bulldozers on site, the Selah School District has been building progress at the Robert Lince Kindergarten campus since ground broke last spring.

Since last April when the construction bid for the kindergarten facility was awarded to MH Construction, visible progress has transformed the work site. Beginning with earth work last spring, to the progression of the footings and foundation phase over the summer, current construction includes framing and roofing of the school's structure as it takes shape. Outside work will continue through the fall until the building is enclosed. Then, during winter, projects will transition under cover and indoor work will begin.

The kindergarten facility will accommodate 360 students with learning space and amenities scaled to fit small bodies. The 48,164 sq. ft. structure, with 20 classrooms, will provide for the varying educational needs of students. Learning and safety needs prioritize the campus. Space will consist of age appropriate indoor and outdoor educational environments with locations for special programs, including active learning rooms, an art room, resource classroom, OT/PT room, library, music room, fitness area/cafeteria and other spaces typical of an elementary campus. Further, the building will include 21st Century teaching technology.

Also, the building's design emphasizes student safety. There will be one single point of entry into the school as well as increased monitoring through vestibules and video surveillance. Further, student drop-off/pick-up areas will be separated from bus loading areas, allowing for the safe flow of vehicles.

The construction timeline for the kindergarten facility remains on schedule with the project's completion next summer. Robert Lince Kindergarten will open its doors to learners when school begins next fall.



*Since ground-breaking at Robert Lince Kindergarten in April, progress has been built.*

### What is in a Name?

What's in a name? Everything, if you are creating the identity of a new school.

In keeping a piece of Selah history, preserving the nostalgia from school days past, as well as identify-

ing future location, the District has announced that the new kindergarten facility will be known as **Robert Lince Kindergarten**. Robert Lince Kindergarten will welcome students in the Class of 2033 next fall.

### • John Campbell First and Second Grade Campus

Originally built in 1948, John Campbell Primary School, has served Selah students for over seven decades. Soon, the time-aged campus will be reconfigured and rebuilt to accommodate first and second grade learners.

The design phase for the new facility began last spring and continues this fall. As part of the process, several different teams met to discuss user spaces specific to their instructional and operational needs. As design work continues this fall, these groups are meeting

with District officials and project architects to discuss their spatial needs. Elements from design suggestions will contribute to the facility's final blueprint.

Like its kindergarten counterpart, construction at John Campbell will address student learning and safety needs. The school will include 40 classrooms to serve the current population, but also account for growth. The facility will feature age appropriate indoor and outdoor learning spaces, locations for specialized programs, separate

lunch and gym areas and the incorporation of 21st Century teaching technology.

School safety is also a priority as there will be one single point of entry into the facility, as well as increased monitoring through modern vestibule and surveillance systems. Further, student drop-off/pick-up areas will be separated from bus loading areas and the reduction of a grade level will help reduce traffic on First Street during busy arrival and dismissal times.

Project bids are targeted for next spring. Construction at the site will break ground in July 2020.