2020 Bond

Addressing our needs from the community perspective

In May 2018 a Citizens’ Facility Advisory Committee (CFAC) was assembled to review the capital facilities needs of the district. They met 20 times over the course of 11 months. The committee visited all of the elementary and middle schools, the Parkway Campus and other district facilities. CFAC engaged the community for input at two community meetings to incorporate their interests and concerns. In May 2019, CFAC submitted their recommended needs and projects to the School Board.

2020 Proposed Projects

• Replace 6 elementary schools:
  Cathcart, Cascade View, Dutch Hill, Seattle Hill, Emerson and Totem Falls
• Repurpose Central Primary Center as an early learning center
• Glacier Peak High School addition
• Improvements to Parkway Campus /AIM High School
• Maintenance center replacement
• Transportation center renovation
• Safety and security improvements across the district
History

What we’ve accomplished together

Citizens’ Facility Advisory Committees (CFAC) were assembled in 2003 and 2007 to understand and review the needs for education and facilities for our district. Many hours and personal commitment was invested to explore the needs and recommend projects to allow the Snohomish community to foster high-quality education. The School Board reviewed and made their recommendation to the community in 2004 and 2008. Those projects from past bonds are listed below.

2003 CFAC Recommendations and 2004 Bond Projects

Purchase land for a new high school and elementary school, build Glacier Peak High School, remodel Snohomish High School, build Little Cedars Elementary, relocate AIM High School, and make technology and infrastructure improvements.

2007 CFAC Recommendations and 2008 Bond Projects

Complete Snohomish High School modernization, replace Valley View Middle School, replace Machias Elementary, replace Riverview Elementary, modernize and expand Centennial Middle School, build Snohomish Aquatic Center, and make technology and district-wide improvements.
Bond Scope

Supporting education across the district

• Replace 6 elementary schools:
  Cathcart, Cascade View, Dutch Hill, Seattle Hill, Emerson and Totem Falls

• Repurpose Central Primary Center

• Glacier Peak High School addition

• Improvements to Parkway Campus/AIM High School

• Maintenance and transportation center improvements

• Safety and security improvements
Need

What are our needs to support education now?

• Address elementary school capacity challenges

• Provide equitable learning environments and conditions for all elementary students

• Exchange reliance on 51 classroom portables with new, safer and more-effective permanent structures

• Create safer elementary schools

• Address growth at Glacier Peak High School

• Improve the learning environment for the Parkway Campus / AIM High School

• Improve support and infrastructure including maintenance & transportation, and facilities operations
Bond Benefits

What will my tax dollars support?

• Provide education environments equitably across the district. Replacing older schools to support equivalent teaching methodologies.

• Instructional/educational benefits for students

• Address the capacity needs of the Snohomish School District community

• Build more efficient building envelopes and save on energy costs

• Provide more effective building operations and save on maintenance costs

• Improve the maintenance and transportation infrastructure that supports education

• Improve safety and security across the district
Facility Conditions

The condition of older schools is compromising education

Snohomish School District has 11 facilities rated by the state’s ICOS survey that fall in poor to fair condition and are in need of replacement or significant repair.

ICOS (Information and Condition Of Schools) Study Definitions:

- **Excellent** – New or easily restorable to “like new” condition. Only minimal routine maintenance is required.
- **Good** – Preventative maintenance and/or corrective repair(s) is/are required.
- **Fair** – Fails to meet code and functional requirements in some cases. Failure(s) are inconvenient and extensive corrective maintenance and repair is required.
- **Poor** – Consistent substandard performance. Failure(s) are disruptive and costly – fails most code and functional requirements. Requires constant attention, renovation, or replacement. Major correction, repair or overhaul required.
- **Unsatisfactory** – Non-operational or significantly substandard performance. Replacement required.
- **Not Surveyed**
Facility Conditions

The condition of older schools is compromising education
Capacity

The majority of older schools are over capacity

Snohomish School District elementary schools are 13% over capacity on average across the district. For example, Dutch Hill Elementary is 52% over capacity, and Seattle Hill Elementary is 72% over capacity.

Snohomish School District has 6 of 9 elementary schools above the current built capacity.

Note: Enrollment (current and projected) that exceeds a building’s current capacity is addressed through the use of portable classroom structures.
Portables

**Condition and capacity influences are placing education space into portables**

- Education in portables compromises access to core building services, staff, and social connectedness

- Snohomish School District has 43 portables in use for instruction at district elementary schools

- The districts’ portable classrooms at the seven impacted elementary schools are on average 21-years-old

- Seattle Hill Elementary has 12 portables housing 72% of the students over permanent-designed capacity

- Glacier Peak High School has 8 portables addressing growth
Equitable Learning

High quality learning environments for every student

• Provide equitable education environments across the district

• Provide diverse learning environments similar to newer elementary schools

• Ensure that education continues to be a community source of pride

• More effective building layouts and access to services

• Provide separate physical education and commons/eating space

• Safe and controlled entries and buildings to allow teachers and staff to focus on education

• Improved thermal comfort in new buildings improves concentration on education
Equitable Learning

High quality learning environments for every student

RIVERVIEW LIBRARY

RIVERVIEW GYMNASIUM

RIVERVIEW CLASSROOM

RIVERVIEW SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION SPACE

MACHIAS CLASSROOM

MACHIAS LIBRARY
Safety

High quality and safe learning environments for every student

Upgrades to safety and security at all schools throughout our district, including:

- Digital access control systems
- Redesigned entry sequence, check-in and vestibules
- Improved building lockdown speed and capabilities
- New and upgraded existing video systems
- Emergency responder enhancements
- Bring schools up-to-date with current seismic codes
New schools will improve our energy performance

- On average new elementary schools use 27% less energy per square foot than older schools in the district.

- The utility costs of most older elementary schools are more than those of the newer elementary schools. Despite the fact that the newer schools are 50% - 75% larger than the older schools.

- New school designs utilize more sustainable building systems.

- New schools will incorporate improved system for central district control, energy performance and individual thermal comfort schools in the district.

**Example Natural Gas Bill (2018 - 2019 School Year)**

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<th>School</th>
<th>Square Feet</th>
<th>Estimate</th>
<th>Combined Energy Cost/S.F.</th>
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EUI = Energy Utilization Index. The greater the EUI number the greater amount of energy used and $ is spent on energy.

**COMBINED ENERGY COST/S.F. = Dollars spent on energy per square foot annually.**
Energy

New schools will improve our energy performance

RIVERVIEW ELEMENTARY - BUILT IN 2011

These Infrared images depict the significant difference in energy loss between newer and older elementary schools. A lower temperature (23.7°F) at Riverview Elementary represents heat providing room comfort for students and staff inside.

CASCADE VIEW ELEMENTARY - BUILT IN 1990

Higher exterior surface temperatures (45.1°F) at Cascade View Elementary represent that heat from the interiors is escaping through the building envelope and not providing room comfort for staff and students efficiently.

New schools will have sustainable building systems including solar panels and other energy saving features.

Note: Cooler colors (blues & greens) depict cooler surface temperatures. Warmer colors (red, orange, yellow) depict warmer surface temperatures.
# Project Timelines

11 projects sequenced over 7 years

## Proposed February 2020 Bond Construction Timeline

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<th>Year</th>
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<td><strong>Seattle Hill Elementary</strong>&lt;br&gt;Completion date: Fall 2023&lt;br&gt;Proposed project cost: $69 million&lt;br&gt;Replace aging pod-style building* and eliminate portable classrooms improving safety and security. Resolve overcrowding of multi-purpose space. Improve vehicle traffic patterns and parking.</td>
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<td><strong>Dutch Hill Elementary</strong>&lt;br&gt;Completion date: Fall 2023&lt;br&gt;Proposed project cost: $72 million&lt;br&gt;Replace aging pod-style building* and eliminate portable classrooms improving safety and security. Resolve overcrowding of multi-purpose space. Improve vehicle traffic patterns for student drop-off and pick-up.</td>
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<td><strong>Emerson Elementary</strong>&lt;br&gt;Completion date: Fall 2025&lt;br&gt;Proposed project cost: $71 million&lt;br&gt;Replace worn out end-of-life school and improve entry to the school. Combine with Central Primary Center to create a K – 6 elementary school. Create a robust student pickup and drop-off area.</td>
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<td><strong>Cascade View Elementary</strong>&lt;br&gt;Completion date: Fall 2023&lt;br&gt;Proposed project cost: $68.6 million&lt;br&gt;Replace aging pod-style building* and eliminate portable classrooms improving safety and security. Resolve overcrowding of multi-purpose space. Improve vehicle traffic patterns for student drop-off and pick-up.</td>
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<td><strong>Central Primary Center</strong>&lt;br&gt;Completion date: Fall 2027&lt;br&gt;Proposed project cost: $13.7 million&lt;br&gt;Update and renovate building to repurpose for use as a district early learning center (ECAP and preschool programs). This facility would also serve as the home of the Parent Partnership Program providing more instructional space for this alternative learning program.</td>
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<td><strong>Glacier Peak High School</strong>&lt;br&gt;Completion date: Fall 2025&lt;br&gt;Proposed project cost: $10.1 million&lt;br&gt;Replace eight portable classrooms with new classrooms integrated into the existing building.</td>
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<td>2027</td>
<td><strong>Maintenance and Transportation Centers</strong>&lt;br&gt;Completion date: Fall 2027&lt;br&gt;Proposed project cost: $10.55 million&lt;br&gt;Replace the Maintenance/Operations Center, which is housed in three portables (average age of 35-years-old), with a new facility. Renovate and modernize the 27-year-old district Transportation Center by replacing equipment, roof and mechanical and electrical systems.</td>
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*In pod-style buildings, classrooms are grouped in separate buildings connected by an open atrium, which requires students to walk outside to travel between classrooms. There are no hallways or indoor common areas, the pod schools have virtually no wall insulation and have primarily residential-style classroom heating systems. Roofs are failing, and physical education spaces must be shared with lunchroom spaces.
On-Site Construction

CENTRAL PRIMARY CENTER - Renovate and repurpose for use as early learning center.

TRANSPORTATION /MAINTENANCE - Replace the maintenance center and renovate the transportation center.

EMERSON ELEMENTARY - Replace school. Integrate students with Cascade View Elementary students temporarily during construction.
On-Site Construction

Education, safety and new construction will co-exist on existing school sites

GLACIER PEAK HIGH SCHOOL - Add classroom/instructional capacity and physical education space.

TOTEM FALLS ELEMENTARY - Replace school on-site while school stays in operation during construction of the new school.

POTENTIAL BUILDING ZONE - Line delineating school operations and construction

PARKWAY CAMPUS / AIM HIGH SCHOOL - Miscellaneous improvements to the facilities on campus while facility is in use.
On-Site Construction

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CASCADE VIEW ELEMENTARY - Replace school on-site while school stays in operation during construction of the new school.

CATHCART ELEMENTARY - Replace school on-site while school stays in operation during construction of the new school.

SEATTLE HILL ELEMENTARY - Replace school on-site while school stays in operation during construction of the new school.

DUTCH HILL ELEMENTARY - Replace school on-site while school stays in operation during construction of the new school.
Financing

What is the cost to build for our students’ future?

• $470 million authorization in 2020
• Lower tax rates compared to 2018 rate
• Minimize increase in taxes
• Provide room for future funding needs

If approved by voters on February 11, 2020, the tax rate for the Snohomish School District capital bond would be $0.98 per $1,000 of assessed valuation (data based on 2019 voter-approved Snohomish School District tax rates).

In Snohomish School District, the average assessed home value is $460,000, the cost would be about $450/year or $38/month.