

Frequently Asked Questions regarding the Wilson-Pacific BEX IV Middle and Elementary Schools Project

When will demolition of the existing building begin?

Demolition begins March 2015: the two new schools open Sept 2017

Will there be on big building housing the Middle School and the Elementary School?

No, there will be two separate buildings.

Will there be new names for each of the school buildings?

Yes, the District has been accepting applications for the new building names: the Board has approval authority.

How are you going to mitigate/lessen hazardous materials at the site during demolition?

In order to ensure the process is executed correctly and in the safest manner possible, the contractors, supervisors and workers will be required to carry active Asbestos Removal Certifications issued from the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries. In addition to certified and specialized workers, the project will be continually monitored and reviewed to ensure the industry standard procedures for containment, indoor air quality, outdoor air quality, removal and disposal are executed to mitigate any risk for the construction workers and general public. Operating under these parameters and guidelines has allowed the Wilson Pacific contractor, Lydig Construction to successfully complete three (3) abatement & demolition projects on GC/CM high schools within residential communities (similar to WP) within the last 5 years.

How are you accommodating daily staff and visitor parking, as well as evening event parking?

On-site parking is sufficient to accommodate the daytime parking demand associated with staff and visitors. During large events, available on-site parking and on-street parking in the neighborhood will be used. Mitigation measures recommended in the Heffron report include utilizing on-site loading for additional event parking, coordinating event schedules between the two schools to avoid simultaneous large events, and notifying neighbors of the event schedule.

Are you building an outdoor amphitheater o the Wilson-Pacific site?

There are no plans to build an outdoor amphitheater. There was an outdoor area we looked at in order to take advantage of the existing change in grade and to put in informal steps/ground seating with focus on an outdoor paved area, but that concept was deleted when the orientation of the buildings was modified.

Will there be lockers for students in the Middle School building?

Yes, we are incorporating lockers into the middle school. Several layouts are being discussed, but all layouts provide at least 1000 lockers.

Does each school building have its own gymnasium?

Yes. In addition, the gyms have the capability of being divided into two teaching spaces. There will also be a fitness room at the Middle School.

Why won't there be an auditorium at Wilson-Pacific?

The middle school will locate the stage to open to the lunchroom/commons and can be set up with chairs for seating as in a traditional auditorium. More than half of our middle schools do not have stand-alone auditoriums. Middle Schools without a stand-alone auditorium and that open to either a gym/cafeteria or common space are Hamilton, Meany, Washington and Madison. McClure and Denny have neither stage nor stand-alone auditoriums. Stand-alone auditoriums are at Aki Kurose, Mercer, Whitman, Eckstein and Jane Addams Middle Schools: they were constructed in different eras and have limited use throughout the day.

Is there dedicated space for music in the MS?

There are three separate music rooms: band (2200 s.f.), choral (1600 s.f.) and the stage (2000 s.f.), each with music storage and the same as the new Jane Addams Middle School offering.

Where will you locate the Pinehurst K-8/Indian Heritage combined program?

The Pinehurst K8/Heritage program is planned to be located in the Middle School on the first two floors of the south classroom wing. (The program will soon have a new name)

Will the community be able to use the new buildings?

Yes: regular building rental rules and possible fees will apply. Seattle Parks Department will have priority on after school scheduling of fields and gyms subject to the joint use agreement, as with all other SPS facilities.

What are you doing with the Native American murals o the existing Wilson-Pacific building?

SP is working with the artist to preserve and honor the murals and developing the plan to remove, protect and reinstall the murals with oversight and guidance in partnership with the artist.

What is this project doing about the neighborhood flood water?

SP project team has been coordinating with Seattle Public Utilities to evaluate options to deal with the flooding issue. SPU will be scheduling community meetings to share more information in the near future.

What are you doing about Licton Springs (creek) which run under the Wilson-Pacific school site The existing pipe that runs under the site is not being disturbed as part of this project.

What are the outdoor courtyards used for?

SPS educational specifications call for outdoor spaces to be incorporated into the site. The user group meetings with Lincoln APP teachers indicated they wanted garden areas. There are many schools in the district which incorporates indoor/outdoor student gardens as part of the science program.

How will a shared field for both the MS and ES school programs work?

The field will be located between the Middle School and Elementary School buildings for use by both schools.

What will be the composition of the new field?

Both grass and synthetic turf fields are being considered for the new field space and both options will be bid to inform the district of the different costs.

Will the community be able to use the new field?

Yes.

What does the field reservation process work?

Regular building rental rules and possible fees will apply. Seattle Parks Department will have priority on after school scheduling of fields and gyms subject to the joint use agreement, as with all other SPS facilities.

Is it true that Lincoln HS students will have use of Wilson-Pacific fields?

Parks has told Seattle Public Schools that they do not have the capacity in their current system to provide a full slate of athletic opportunities for another comprehensive high school. The District will be working with Seattle Parks on an update to the joint athletic field plan with the ability to add capacity to both SPS and Seattle Parks

facilities.

Can a field at Woodland Park/Green Lake b be dedicated for use by Lincoln HS?

The District will look into the use of Woodland Park/Green Lake fields, but there would need to be an agreement with Seattle Parks.

Can Lincoln HS or another school(s) use the Roosevelt reservoir site as a field, once a lid is placed over it?

This would require conversations with the City.

Link to the BEX IV Wilson-Pacific project web page:

<http://bex.seattleschools.org/bex-iv/wilson-pacific-middle-school/>

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