



Work is Underway at East Campus

Almost a year ago, Lake Forest High School came to the community asking for support of a building bond referendum to fund the renovation and expansion of its East Campus and improve portions of the West Campus facility and fields. After presenting a comprehensive plan, you – our community – overwhelming supported this initiative.

The construction and renovation was planned to occur over 18 months (including two summers), to be completed in the Fall of 2008. We are pleased to announce **Phase I of the project has been completed - on time and on budget.**

Driving by East Campus on McKinley Road, the most obvious change is that the connection between the academic building on the south and the athletic facilities on the north has been demolished. This change will allow the high school to relocate, update, and expand the library and resource centers for enhanced academic use. It will also allow for the upgrading and expansion of the student cafeteria to accommodate student enrollment, today, and at full community build-out.

Travel to the back of East Campus and you will see the music wing addition.

Students are enjoying three large group rooms for daily practice and numerous smaller practice spaces. The rooms were designed with improved acoustics to enhance the experience for music students and sound-proofing to ensure a quiet academic environment for others. Former music spaces are in the process of being renovated to be used as additional classrooms to address increased enrollment and academic program improvements.

Improved Safety & Security

Over the summer, two multi-floor evacuation routes were added to the south side of the school. Other safety features in the making include additional public safety access to the building, sprinklers in all academic areas, and ramping and elevators to meet Americans with Disability Act (ADA) standards.

East Campus parking has been reconfigured to improve overall safety by limiting and controlling points of public access. Dedicated drop off and bus lanes also assist in traffic management.

Fiscally Responsible & Environmentally Friendly

The new parking lot to the north of the school is not only functional but fiscally responsible and environmentally friendly. To meet Lake County storm water management regulations, an asphalt lot would have required the high school to build a retention pond or underground water storage system on site to handle run off. The brick paving system is highly pervious, eliminating the need for these costly alternatives, which makes pavers a more economical choice than the full scope of a standard asphalt parking lot.

With a continued focus on the environment, the new roof of the music wing is planted with drought-tolerant plants which also helps reduce storm water runoff on school grounds. Green roofs also reduce cooling and heating expenses and extend the life of the roof itself.

Take A Look West

Moving west, we thank all our community members who made the opening of the Scout Varsity Field at West Campus such a success. On a sunny Homecoming Day in early September, over 4,000 fans joined

the high school for the first kick-off. In addition to football, the new turf field will be used for soccer, lacrosse, and is available for community use. Private funding is being sought to underwrite the cost of lights for the field.



Improvements were also made to the locker room, existing gyms, and new outdoor restroom facilities are under construction. Inside the building, work is ongoing to upgrade and zone the building infrastructure to improve energy efficiency. Portions of the existing building are being renovated to house administrative offices (due to open in early 2008) – freeing up space at East Campus for academic use.

Next Steps

Construction will continue throughout the 2007-08 school year with East Campus closing once again over the summer. Thanks for your patience during this important community project.



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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Top Three Construction Questions

just ask us

Q. How is the project progressing?

A. Phase I is on time and on budget.

Q. Why use pavers for the new East Campus Parking Lot?

A. An asphalt lot would have required the high school to build a retention pond or underground water storage system on site to handle run off. The brick paving system is highly pervious eliminating the need for these costly alternatives. Bottom line... due to stormwater regulations, pavers are more economical than the full scope of an asphalt parking lot.

Q. What about the dirt mound on Rt. 43?

A. This dirt will eventually be used for landscaping and berming when the project is completed in Fall of 2008. Conserving it on site is a cost saving measure.

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How Can I Learn More?

Bookmark our website (www.lfhs.org) and periodically check on areas of interest, read the newspaper, or attend or watch a Board meeting. (Board meetings are televised live and videotaped for rebroadcast on LF Cable Channel 17 on Mondays at 9pm and Tuesdays at 8am). If your organization would like a guest speaker to address education in our community, please contact us at **847-582-7376** and we will be happy to join you!

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