

WE'RE OPENING A NEW ELEMENTARY IN 2020* TO SERVE CLARK STUDENTS!



To be or not to be in the Highlands? Your chance to weigh in.

Issaquah keeps growing! The new Clark campus will open with 10 portable classrooms and will be the district's largest elementary. While all Clark Sharks are going to have a phenomenal experience there, we have an immediate need to build a new elementary—*with a targeted opening of fall 2020—to best serve current and future student capacity. Voters funded this project in the 2016 bond measure. No boundaries have been set for the new elementary, but we expect it will serve Clark students who live in the Issaquah Highlands and Overdale Park area.

In partnership with City of Issaquah staff, we've identified a preferred site for the new elementary nearby Swedish Hospital in the Issaquah Highlands (well outside the slope's slide zone, as confirmed by geologic experts). Our extensive real-estate research shows there is no other property available in the Issaquah Highlands at this time suitable for the new elementary—all parcels are significantly outside the project's budget and/or timeframe to acquire.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU? The new elementary will benefit all current Clark students by providing two right-sized campuses for learning and playing. We are now at a critical juncture that will determine the location and timeline. The Issaquah City Council on Sept. 5 will begin an important series of land-use decisions about whether to allow a school on the preferred site. Council members are diligently listening to residents, and they have heard many different opinions. If you would like your parent voice to be considered in whether another school is built in the Highlands, now is your opportunity.

HOW TO CONTACT THE CITY COUNCIL

Email citycouncil@issaquahwa.gov and/or attend the public hearing on annexing and rezoning the Highlands property for school use: 7 p.m., Sept. 5, Council Chambers.

HOW TO LEARN MORE

Visit the ISD homepage and/or contact ISD Capital Projects at 425-837-7040.

WHY IS THIS THE PREFERRED SITE? It:

- Is primed for acquisition and construction, allowing the quickest timeline to alleviate capacity concerns at Clark and Grand Ridge.
- Allows all Highlands students to remain in the community; walking routes remove bus and vehicle traffic from the Highlands and Olde Town corridor.
- Responsibly fulfills the service need created by expanded housing development in Issaquah.

Is well suited for a specially designed school with a compact footprint to preserve its natural surroundings as much as possible.

Q. What will happen if the City Council does not approve the identified Highlands site for school use?

A. We will immediately shift our focus to property outside the Highlands to keep the project on time and budget.