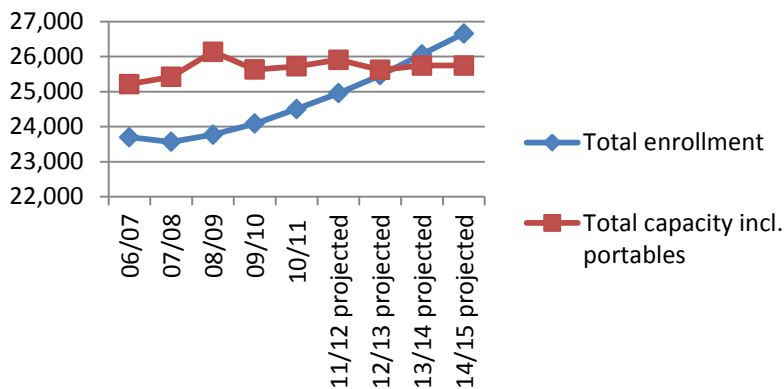


# The Case for Space in Lake Washington School District

Some levy options for Feb. 2011 - Lake Washington Citizens Levy Committee [www.vote4lwskids.org](http://www.vote4lwskids.org)



## Public Input Nights

**Workshop format:** come in any time during the hours scheduled to get information, ask questions, take the survey and make comments – all sessions are the same.

**Tue., Sep. 28,** Eastlake H.S., 6-8 p.m.

**Thu., Sep. 30,** Juanita H.S., 6-8 p.m.

**Wed., Oct. 6,** LWSD Resource Cntr, 5-7 p.m.

## Overall enrollment

- LWSD is growing, and is expected to continue to grow by at least 425 students per year for the next 5 years.
- As of Sep. 7th, the District grew by 614 students this year over last year.
- The district is projected to have the same number of students as classrooms in 12/13. The student population is not distributed where the classrooms are, however. That will lead to major space needs in some schools and grade levels while others have some space available. In 2013/14 and beyond, there will be more students than classrooms available anywhere.

## Steps to date: more efficient use of space

- The decision to change the grade configuration in buildings to K-5, 6-8, 9-12 for academic reasons shifts students out of elementary schools and into the high schools, where more space is available.
- Feeder pattern changes move population from more crowded schools to those with more space
- In elementary schools, specialized classrooms such as computer labs, science/art rooms and music rooms have been converted to regular classrooms.
- Portable classrooms have been added where needed and where possible.

## Potential strategies:

- Continue converting specialized classrooms to regular classrooms in elementary schools.
- Add more portable classrooms, up to site limits, at elementary schools and high schools as needed.
- Re-boundary some elementary schools as needed.
- Limit or eliminate full-day kindergarten program in some schools so students go ½ day.
- Double shift Redmond and Eastlake High Schools, with some students attending only in the morning and others attending classes only in the afternoon.
- Build additional permanent classrooms at Redmond and Eastlake High Schools, potentially expanding core facilities such as the cafeteria and gym as well.
- Provide additional middle/high school capacity in a new school that draws students from all over the district.

## Three possible funding measures to address immediate needs:

- **\$10 million** levy for space for 450 students each at Redmond, Eastlake H.S. in portables. Cost: \$.04 per thousand of assessed value, or **\$20/year** on a \$500,000 house for six years.
  - Implications – Portable classrooms. Doesn't deal with middle school needs.
- **\$40 million** levy for classroom additions for 250 students each, and portables for 225 each at Redmond, Eastlake H.S. Cost: \$.18/1,000, or **\$90/year** on a \$500,000 house for six years.
  - Implications – Some permanent and some portable classrooms. Doesn't deal with middle school needs.
- **\$65 million** levy for classrooms additions for 250 students each at Redmond, Eastlake H.S. and a new grades 6-12 school that will draw students from around the district. Cost: \$.28/1,000 or **\$140/year** on a \$500,000 house for six years.
  - Implications – Permanent classrooms. Addresses middle school. Keeps high schools under 2,000 students.

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