



REFERENDUM PROJECT UPDATES

What is Happening with the Construction Projects?

The West Salem School District referendum projects continue to move forward, and it's been exciting to watch the momentum build across the District. Each week brings visible progress—whether it's the new addition at the HS or the added gymnasium at the Elementary. We continue to see spaces taking shape, behind the scenes work is moving forward, and sub-contractors are gearing up for the next phases of work.



Elementary School

Construction is now approximately 42% complete. Over the past few weeks, crews have made steady progress on several key work scopes of the gym addition. Roof drains and storm piping have been installed, helping prepare the building for long term durability and proper water management. Exterior wood blocking is now in place, and sub-contractors have completed the exterior framing and sheathing, giving the structure its shape. The weather barrier has been applied and spray foam insulation has been added, and the addition is now better protected from the elements as work continues inside and out.



High School

Construction is approximately 14% complete. Progress on the high school has continued, though productivity has been somewhat limited due to encountering unsuitable soils. Even with that challenge, crews have completed several important tasks, including installing the retaining wall drain tile and completing the backfill. The team also finished the preload for the Area I (CTE addition) building pad, setting the stage for the next phases of construction as conditions stabilize.



Work Upcoming

At the elementary site, crews will focus on setting up temporary heating to continue to support the upcoming tasks. The next milestone tasks include pouring the interior concrete slabs, installing the mezzanine stairs and railings, and building the CMU partition wall as interior spaces continue to take shape. In the weeks ahead at the high school site, crews will begin installing the pad footings, piers, and backfill in Area I, setting the groundwork for future construction. Structural steel columns and beams are also scheduled to go up in Area H (fitness addition), and teams will start work on the sanitary sewer mains in Area I.

To stay up to date on the current project site, the District and KA have set up a time-lapse camera to catch all day-to-day updates on site. This is located on the District webpage which can be found at bit.ly/WSconstruction. Check it out!