

Some exciting changes coming to the Quilcene Campus!



As the District strives to make the physical learning environment conducive for an engaging and collaborative educational experience for our students as well as a place for our community to come together, we are working with our partners to create an outdoor learning center out of the old maintenance and bus barn.

You likely have many questions, we're hoping to address those here, as well as invite you to be part of the change.

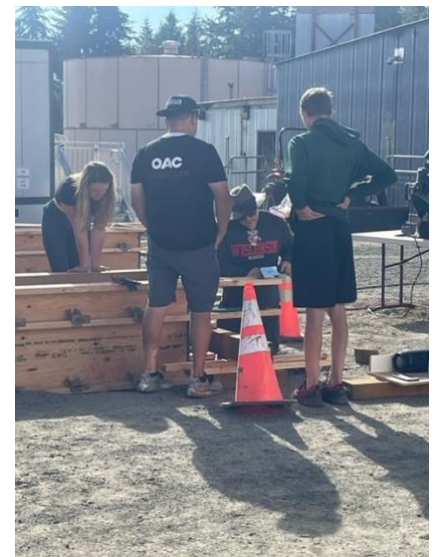
In the 2018-2019 school year the district developed a long-term capital improvement plan, based on information we had at the time about seismic conditions of the building, support we were supposed to get from the state to update our high school and middle school buildings, and what we believed the community could support.

With the passage of the 2020 Capital Levy, we have built the new Bus Barn across Rose Street. This has given us opportunities to re-purpose the old bus barn building. Our Career and Technical Educational Agriculture program has a new home, and the bus maintenance and driver facility have seen a major upgrade.

At the same time, the funding from the state to update the high and middle schools did not materialize and our bond effort did not pass. Since April of this year, we've had to pivot and think a bit outside of the box. It's not cost feasible to bring the old bus barn building up to current standards, with a heated, daylit, traditional learning environment with the needed systems to heat and provide healthy indoor air quality and plumbing needs. We started to rethink how students work and collaborate outside the four walls of the classroom, as well as how the school plays an integral role in the community.

The District Leadership, specifically Dr. Frank Redmon partnered with Steve Murakami and the team that managed, designed, and built the new bus barn and extended those partnerships to several premier architects, engineers, and builders to come together to make things better for our students, our teachers and our community.

To achieve that goal, we are leveraging the old bus barn building which is located at the heart of our campus to create an outdoor learning center. The new center will include several alternative learning landscapes for students to stay out of the weather and collaborate in new ways. We are also working to build out a portion of the building for a community maker space, so that we can all continue life-long learning and collaboration.





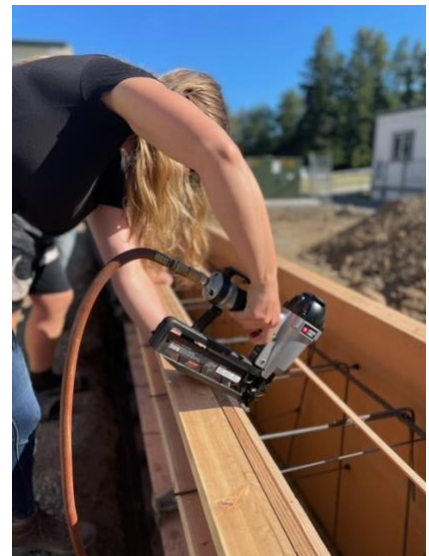
Prior to the end of the school year Principal Sean Moss assembled a team of students to help envision how this new learning center could amplify their experience. We brought in some of the most recognized architects, educational planners, builders, and engineers to help guide the development – all as volunteers to the district. Countless hours were committed to designing and engineering this new site development.

When asked, these volunteer partners noted that this is a beautiful part of the world and that the district is small enough to be agile and think differently about our students' journey toward adulthood. This common sentiment is in direct alignment with the district leadership – our mission and vision - and has resulted in a project that raised nearly \$50,000 in donations for the materials

from these partners, as well as countless hours of design time and now construction time.

Work began at the beginning of August with Justin Lake leading a team of students to continue to participate in the evolution into an outdoor learning center. In addition, educators and the partners mentioned above and will continue through this month to re-purpose this area into a pedestrian oriented center, it will have a solar array to demonstrate sustainable technologies, a new wood structure pavilion and of course the facelift on the old bus barn.

The last few years have been challenging and we're hoping that this will be the catalyst to bring our community back to the campus and create something meaningful that will impact every student, every day.



Opportunities abound to get involved – check our website at www.QSD48.org, email us at fredmon@qsd48.org, or feedback@qsd48.org, or come by to lend a hand from 8 to 5 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays in August.



If you have questions about any aspect of this project, the capital plans for the district, the progression of those plans, or anything else about this project, please do not hesitate to contact me by email, phone, or text (360-302-1191), or we can set up a meeting if you prefer.