

Bainbridge Island School District
Capital Projects
Site Safety at Bainbridge Island High School

What is being done to ensure student and staff safety at the high school while the new building is under construction?

- Our contractor is Leo Finnegan Construction Co, from Gig Harbor, seasoned professionals with an excellent track record on school projects, and the contractors for Sakai Middle School.
- We are in full compliance with all city, state, and federal regulations.
- We are working closely with the City of Bainbridge Island, the fire department, the general contractor, major sub contractors, the abatement contractor, our architect and engineers, and our construction administration team to plan for and closely monitor safety issues.
- Extra campus security personnel have been hired to supervise pedestrian traffic, monitor safety, and alert us to any potential situations that need to be addressed.
- A new crosswalk has been established on Madison Avenue, and parking, bus stops and pedestrian traffic have been reconfigured to ensure safe traffic patterns.
- Adjustments have been made to the Emergency Evacuation Plan to evacuate students well away from the construction site.

How will students and staff be protected from construction activity?

- Construction fencing and signage were erected on May 17, and will at all times create a safe perimeter around the entire construction work area. Once the contractor takes control of the site, there is to be no admittance at any time into the fenced area by unauthorized persons.
- With student safety in mind, and in accordance with our building permit, deliveries of building materials will only occur during specific hours, avoiding peak traffic periods.

Doesn't the old building need to be demolished? What about risks like air quality, hazardous materials, and noise?

- Starting May 21, the work to be done by the end of June is abatement, demolition of the existing building, preparation of the construction pad, and ordering major materials. Air quality is strictly controlled by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, the Department of Ecology, licensing stipulations, and abatement contractors. A dust control plan is in place, and we plan to be very cautious.
- Hazardous materials have been identified in only a few areas. Fortunately, our abatement project is basically simple and small. Abatement work will be done outside of school hours.
- All removal of hazardous materials will be carefully done by qualified professionals in advance of the actual demolition of the building.
- City regulations limit noise, and our contractor is willing to work with us to avoid impacting activities that are sensitive to noise. At worst, the noise level will be similar to that of enthusiastic fans at a sports activity.

Why is this project starting now? Why not wait until summer?

- Construction activity in Washington State is at an unprecedented high. School projects are complicated by many governmental regulations. Appropriate construction schedules make school projects more attractive to contractors. Our earlier start date will help to support our desire to occupy the new 200 Building by fall of 2008.

If you have further questions or concerns, please contact:

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