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Faubion Elementary Principal LaShawn Lee (from left) and her assistant principals Jennifer McCalley and Klarissa Hightower welcome Faubion kids to their new temporary campus, the former Harriet Tubman Middle School building on North Flint Avenue.

# Back to School Shuttle

## Campus rebuilds take students into temporary quarters

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Portland students are back to school this week, but not all of them will be returning to the same campuses because of school construction projects.

Students from Faubion Elementary in northeast Portland are attending classes in the recently shuttered Har-

riet Tubman Middle School building on North Flint Avenue near the Rose Quarter, and students at Franklin High School are attending school on the disbanded Marshall Campus in southeast Portland.

Tubman is nearly four miles from Faubion and 11 school buses are designated to shuttle kids to the school, pushing commute times to an additional 15 to 20 minutes. It's an inconvenience, but one that Faubion kids are hoping will be worth a refurbished school that will be waiting for them when they return in two years.

"The one good thing about having these additional buses is that they're less full, and it's been very pleasant," said Faubion Elementary Principal LaShawn Lee. "Most folks are using the bus system and it's working very smoothly."

Franklin High School students will also have a two year

wait before their school is modernized. Roosevelt High School is also being rebuilt, but in a way that students can continue to attend their north Portland campus during construction.

Thanks to bond-funding, students at 27 local schools — Portland Public School's highest number of construction projects yet — are entering buildings this year with serious upgrades, including new roofs, seismic strengthening, and improved accessibility.

During the coming school year, local neighborhoods and communities also will be developing plans for the modernization of Benson, Lincoln, and Madison high schools.

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