

Design phase for new Academy classrooms

The new classrooms project at the Warm Springs K-8 Academy is currently about half-way through the design phase. The planned new classrooms are funded through the voter-approved school district 509-J bond measure, approved last fall.

There is a district website that allows you to follow the progress on the project, as well as those at the high school, Bridges and other schools of the district. Visit the site at: 509JSchoolBond.org

The Academy classroom project is expected to see a construction start date in January 2023. Completion would be late that summer, with preparation and moving in during the fall of next year. Of the total \$24 million approved in the November 2021 bond measure, \$4 million goes to work at the Academy.

There will be six new early learning classrooms; plus safety items like a new key-access control system.

The Confederated Tribes and school district 509-J built the Academy cooperatively back in 2013-14. The tribes and district shared the \$10.7 million construction cost 50-50.

Tribal members had ap-



The central courtyard area of the Warm Springs Academy, with its rooftop solar panel component.

proved the referendum in favor of the new school by a 3-1 margin in July of 2012. The school district voters then approved a bond in favor of the project, allowing planning and design to begin that year, followed by the construction start in 2013.

The Warm Springs Academy replaced the previous elementary school, constructed mostly in the 1930s.

For the Academy dedication ceremony in August of 2014, five-hundred tribal members, leaders and other guests showed up at the school for the occasion.

The Warm Springs K-8 Academy was built to

acomodate up to 750 students. The classroom addition project will provide new and added space for learning.

Other district projects

The \$24 million overall bond measure of 2021 is specifically for "health, safety and security" throughout the district schools. Work at the Bridges High School began in the spring, and is scheduled for completion in January.

The \$935,000 Bridges work includes the new key-access control system, four new classrooms, gym floor improvements, and new flooring on the lower level.

Madras High School work will include a new roof and insulation; upgrades to the Career and Technical Education area; heating, cooling and ventilation improvements; a new soccer concession and restroom area, and facility and field lights.

This project, also in the design phase, will see construction begin early next year, with completion scheduled for early fall 2023.

The 2021 bond measure was the first 509-J school dis-

trict bond proposal since 2012—the one that helped pay for construction of the Warm Springs Academy.

The 2012 measure also funded the Madras Performing Arts Center at the high school.

2022 WARM SPRINGS BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

Thursday, September 1st
4-6PM
at the Warm Springs K-8 Academy



FOOD - SCHOOL STAFF & FAMILIES BACK PACKS & RESOURCE FAIR

This is a great event for the community to come together to get excited about a new school year!



Bridges High School work is under way.

On Tribal Council agenda

The following are some of the items coming up soon on the Tribal Council agenda (subject to change at Council discretion):

Monday, August 15

9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer update with the S-T/CEO Robert Brunoe.

9:30: September agenda and review minutes with the S-T.

10: Legislative update calls, federal and state.

11: Covid-19 update with the Response Team.

1:30 p.m.: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson, Vital Statistics.

2:30: Indian Health Service update with Hyllis Dauphinais, clinic chief executive officer.

3:30: Tribal attorney update regarding National Wildlife Federation and National Marine Fisheries Service litigation—Hydro-system, Endangered Species Act, and National Environmental Protection Agency lawsuit.

Monday, August 29

9 a.m.: Tribal attorney

update regarding the Columbia River Treaty.

Note: All draft resolutions and ordinances, including any attachments or exhibits, are due by the first Friday of each month by 5 p.m. You can email in word form. No exceptions.

Note to Presenters: Please bring 15 sets of copies to distribute to Council. Reminder: Mandatory mask requirements are enforced in all tribal buildings. Please wear your mask.



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Warm Springs Vital Stats reminds tribal member graduates that you need to submit your diploma and transcript for the fall Trust Fund payment. You can make contact at the school district by calling 541-475-7265 extension 2316; or 541-475-4820 extension 2800.