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In case you haven't thought about it lately, here is a reminder. You've chosen to live in an amazing community!

It was my honor to take over as the new leader of Central Kitsap Schools in July. This district appealed to me because it aligns with my values. Students, families, staff and community members are focused on the right things: equity, student-centered success, and building relationships. Now that I've been here for a while, I couldn't be happier with my choice.

As you'll see inside this issue, there are some exciting things happening in CK Schools. From innovative new curriculum and partnerships to beautiful new schools and safer entrances, it's hard to imagine a district with more promise.

What are you most proud of when it comes to CK Schools? In what areas can we improve? Over the next few months, I'll be listening and learning from as many people as possible so I can develop a deeper understanding of our district and our community. I'd love to hear from you. If we haven't met in person, you can share your thoughts online at http://bit.ly/CK_Listening.

Above all, thank you for your support of CK Schools over the years. It shows!

Thanks to your support, we have rebuilt Central Kitsap High and Middle schools. Here's a look at the project . . .

BY THE NUMBERS CK Campus



610,000 man hours of construction

13,845 cubic yards of concrete

334,381 sq ft rebuilt or renovated

2,100 student capacity in two schools

900 seats in shared auditorium

Uncounted: Student and staff smiles and thanks for our community's support!

Join us at 6 p.m. October 2 for a grand opening celebration of our two newly built schools!



Manufacturing program takes off



Imagine earning \$20/hour at Boeing right out of high school. Or having an edge when applying to a college engineering program.

Those are possibilities for Central Kitsap graduates of a new, two-year manufacturing program. At the heart of the program is a curriculum developed by Boeing, Core Plus. But students don't have to be destined for Boeing to benefit.

Core Plus students learn a variety of core manufacturing skills and earn industry-recognized certificates. The skills they learn can be applied in aerospace as well as maritime, construction and other industries, said Mark Anderson, CK Schools' director of career & technical education.

It's a head start on thousands of manufacturing jobs expected to open soon in Washington. "That's a big win for our students," Anderson said. And it's a big win for companies such as Boeing.



Top: Olympic High students prepare sheets for riveting in their school's new manufacturing lab. Above: Teacher Richard Gifford works with a student.

"With a large share of our manufacturing workforce reaching retirement age in the next few years, we need to be proactive in building and sustaining that manufacturing talent pipeline," said Michelle Burreson, senior manager, Boeing Workforce Development.

About 40 high schools in Washington have adopted Core Plus. CK Schools has been working toward adopting the program for several years as part of its efforts to align career and technical education courses with the needs of high-wage industries. The community's support of a bond measure in 2016 allowed the district, in part, to create modern, flexible manufacturing labs in high schools.

The hammering of riveting tools in Olympic High's new lab signaled its adoption of Core Plus last school year.

Last spring, students in safety goggles stared down metal sheets like pegboards mounted to racks that wouldn't look out of place next to a 747 jet. As they learned, they also earned career and technical, math, science, and/or elective credits.

This year, Core Plus expands to Central Kitsap High. District leaders plan to launch it at Klahowya in the near future.

"The Central Kitsap School District has been an outstanding partner!" Burreson said. "We're excited to see the program grow even more this coming school year!"

A more secure school year begins

Walk into the entrance of any Central Kitsap school this year, and you'll see a promise kept.

In 2016, the district promised to make schools more secure, as well as modernize secondary schools and athletic facilities. Over the past 1½ years, entryways at all 19 schools have undergone construction. Work at two schools will wrap up this fall, and the rest are complete. Secure entrances were part of the rebuilding and modernization projects at Olympic, Klahowya, Central Kitsap High and Central Kitsap Middle.

Schools are also getting new locks and outdoor security cameras. And schools are adopting a new process to screen visitors. The combined work gives schools better control of who can come in.

The new entrances, along with the opening of CK High (more on that on the next page) are the last of the major construction projects promised in 2016. The district will continue repair projects at each school.

Thank you, Central Kitsap, for supporting our work to make our schools safer, better learning environments!



New secure entryways, such as the one under construction at Cougar Valley, will be in use at all CK Schools this fall.





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