



November 2020

Dear Panther family,

Over the summer, Claggett Creek Middle School received some exciting building improvements funded by the 2018 construction bond. I'm happy to officially announce that construction is now complete!

Thanks to the support from our amazing community that approved the bond in 2018, more than \$3.7 million was invested in improvements at Claggett. The improvements we received over the summer increase safety and security in the school, increase support for science education and provide more space to relieve lunchtime crowding.

Cafeteria Expansion

Claggett received a cafeteria expansion by adding a balcony that provides additional seating. The additional seating provides adequate space to serve our growing school enrollment. The extra space also means students spend less time navigating a crowded room looking for a spot to sit and eat. The time gained will help students get enough to eat and return to class rested and ready to learn. The balcony also provides additional audience seating space for stage productions.

Library Media Center Renovations

Our library media center was also renovated. The former computer lab space in the library is now an additional teaching space.

New Science Labs

Renovations to our school also added two 21st century science labs. This provides more support for science education and opportunities for students as they prepare for more advanced science curriculum in high school. Construction also added a science prep space to give staff a safe space to prepare experiments and lesson plans.

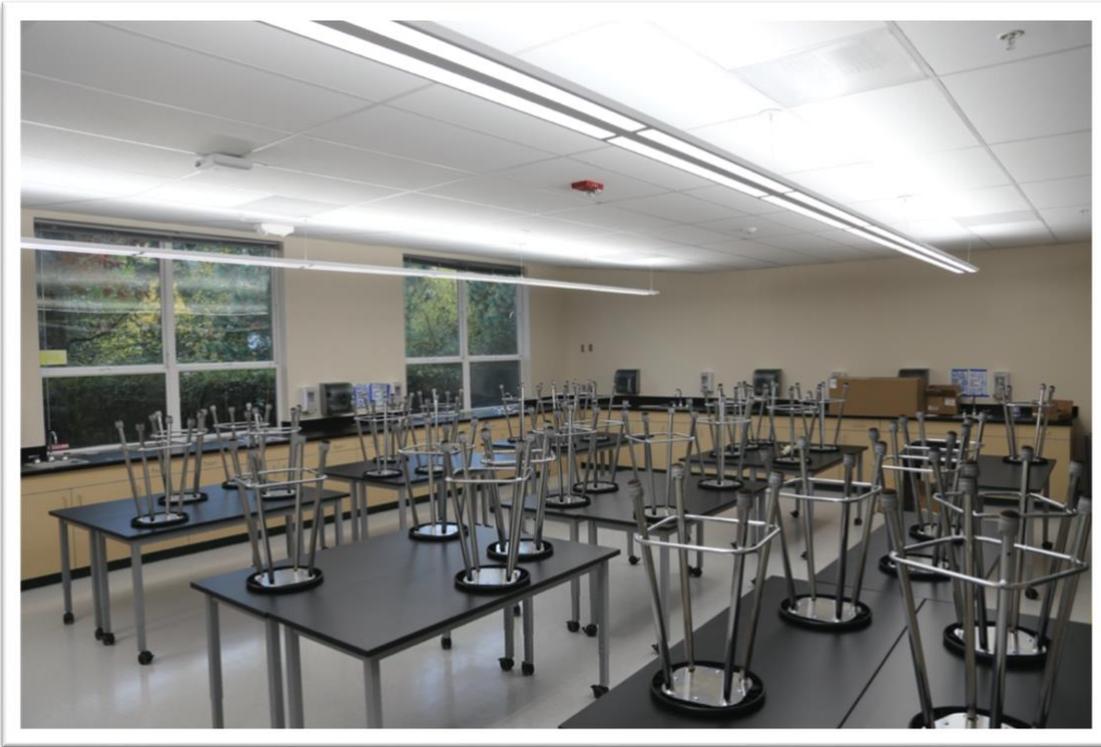
Additional Improvements

Other improvements we received include a roofing replacement, expanded wireless capacity, intercom system upgrades and electronic badge access system upgrades to increase safety and security in the school, and all stair flooring has been replaced to remove tripping hazards.

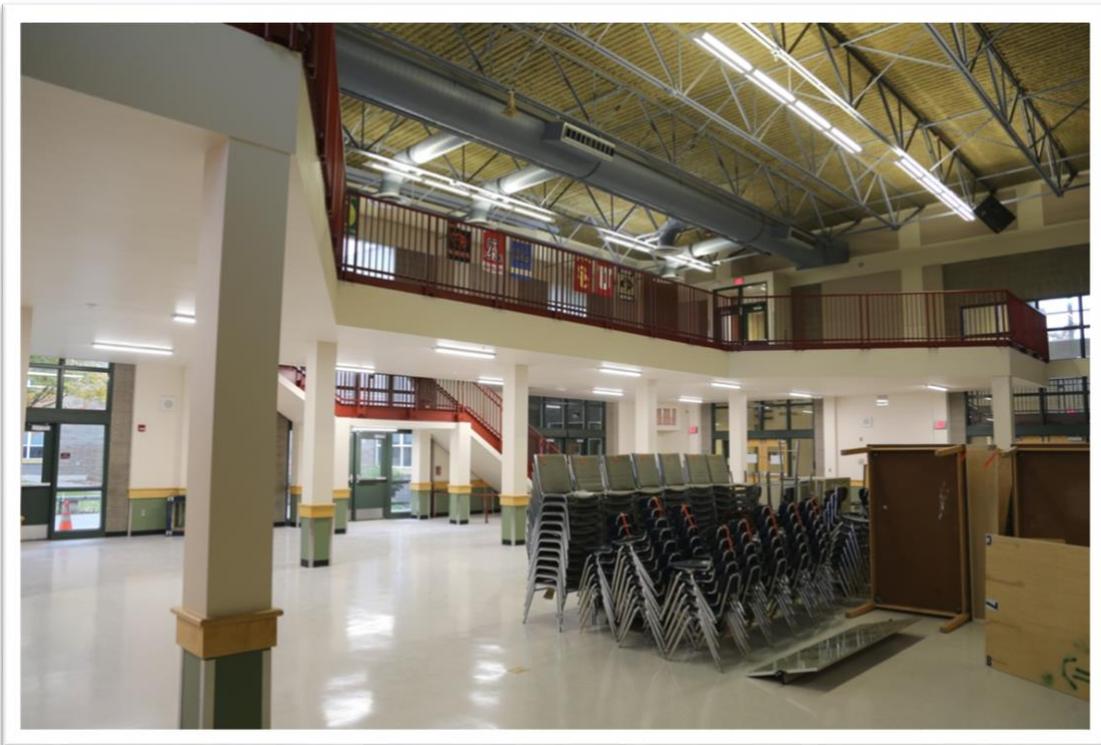
While renovations to new spaces inside the building are complete, we received additional scope at Claggett that will add work to our construction project. The construction crew will be completing work on the heating/ventilation system to improve air flow and temperature control to create a more comfortable learning environment. This work will take place over the next few months.

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Here are a couple photos of the new spaces:



Inside a new science lab



The new balcony expansion in the cafeteria

It may seem strange to celebrate building improvements at a time when we can't welcome students physically back to school. When it's safe to be together again, these spaces will be ready and waiting for students. Until then, many spaces in our school can be used by teachers as they offer comprehensive distance learning. All of us at Claggett are eager for the time when we can safely return to in-person learning!

More information about other schools that received or will receive improvements from the bond dollars can be found at www.salkeiz.k12.or.us/projects-status

Thank you so much for supporting our students! We will truly benefit from the improvements the bond has provided here at Claggett.

Sincerely,
Principal Aaron Persons

