



RHS Modernization Project Director's Newsletter #1

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Work has been progressing rapidly in the last few months during the initial Master Planning phase for the Roosevelt High School modernization.

The design team, led by Bassetti Architects, was selected in July. Bassetti has been a leader in K-12 educational projects throughout the northwest with an equally extensive and renowned reputation for successful historic rehabilitation projects. We are very proud that they have chosen to be a part of our team. You can read more about Bassetti and see examples of their work at www.bassettiarch.com.

We are currently in the Master Planning phase which includes obtaining all relevant and available information on the school facility itself, and engaging with staff, students and the community to determine the interests and priorities for our future school.

By the numbers, we have conducted:

- 7 meetings with the Design Advisory Group which consists of St. John's and North Portland community members, Roosevelt staff, and students;
- 7 mini-workshops in classrooms with Roosevelt students;
- 2 Saturday community workshops;
- 1 survey on community design priorities; and
- Several small group meetings including Roosevelt PTSA, Roosevelt staff/teachers, feeder school PTSA's and business leader groups.

The Master Planning process will conclude in November with a conceptual layout of the future school that identifies the general locations of all the major program components (classrooms, gymnasium, theater, etc.) We are hosting an open house on **Tuesday, November 19 from 5:30 to 7:30** to show and discuss the plan that has been developed. The final concept will be presented to the Board for approval, after which, we will move on to the next phase of Schematic Design which will look at refining room layouts within those major spaces.

Schematic design will also include opportunities for the community to provide insight and input, details and dates for these upcoming meetings will be shared through the [mailing list](#), [project website](#), and flyers.

We appreciate all of the comments and participation that we have seen from so many over these past few months and look forward to seeing both familiar and new faces as we move forward with the development of our school.

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"Go Riders!"