

## LHS Improvements

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For a year, piles of dirt and construction fences lined parts of Lincoln High School (LHS). With detours in place and parking restricted, improvements were near completion by the spring of 2017. While inconvenient at times for the students and staff, the results from this hardship were well worth the wait. Fast-forward one year and students continue to voice their gratitude toward the campus's upgrade.

Because of the dedication and support from the community, Measure A passed in November of 2014, which allowed for much needed improvements and expansion to Lincoln High School. Measure A permitted the construction of five new classrooms, a computer lab, a renovated quad area with covered walkways and seating, enhanced landscaping, and a brand new turf field for the high school's stadium.

Michael Maul, Principal of LHS, said that the improvements are "increasing school pride, improving the functionality of student access to technology, providing comfortable and well-equipped classrooms that meet the need of a larger student population."

Among the new classrooms is a CTE (Career Technical Education) computer lab. The classroom has more room than a traditional classroom to allow for subjects like photography and media production. The added space and resources provides every student access to technology and real world experience in CTE subjects. "One of the things I love the most about my new classroom is the state of the art projection screen, as well as the audio system and projector that just makes learning really nice for the students," says Lincoln High's Media Arts Teacher, Debbie Tofft.

Outside the classroom, Lincoln High School's stadium received a major face lift. "The impact of the new football field on our team was tremendous," says Chris Bean, LHS football coach and teacher. "For one, just having the Zebra in the middle of the field [created] an enormous sense of pride. Two, the number of injuries and 'turf burns' went down dramatically. Lastly, the surrounding area that was once dirt is now beautiful concrete. The 'dust bowl' that was created in years past from fans is a distant memory." Bean adds that the support of the community and the school district is much appreciated, with the district stepping up in a number of ways to make all these changes happen.