

How LHS can improve after the official opening of TBHS:

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Lincoln High School, the school the entire Lincoln community has known for over a century, will be going through new changes as Twelve Bridges High School opens up its doors to students this fall. With a new high school on the horizon, LHS cultural traditions and history will continue to make an impact on the growing city of Lincoln. With this, Lincoln High School's principal, Jennifer Hladun, talks about ways LHS will not be left behind. Its spirit and program offerings will continue to grow, as Twelve Bridges High School joins part of the Western Placer Unified School District family.

With some LHS teachers moving to TBHS to head their CTE programs, LHS will be home to the CTE Agricultural, Construction, and Engineering pathways. "We will fully staff our programs, and their funding will remain intact thanks to federal CTE funding sources and grants," Hladun said. One goal is to enhance the programs that will be offered at each school in the next couple of years and look at which CTE programs may be a good add-on to LHS. "One area we will need to rebuild is our journalism program so that we can continue to run video or print publications for our students. We also are hoping to grow our technology based classes so that we have tech offerings for all students to consider and explore," Hladun said.

Improvements have been made to the LHS campus throughout the years such as a brand new classroom wing, a new quad with outdoor seating and shade structures, a new welding facility at the farm, and upgrades to the school's stadium. "We are currently working on improving our campus greenhouse and building a new greenhouse facility at the farm," Hladun said. "We are really interested in creating a wellness center type of space on campus in the coming years, so stay tuned!"

Mike Adell, the Director of Facilities, said, "The District will begin updating its School Facilities Master Plan this summer to assess the need for new facilities and improvements to existing facilities throughout the district for potential future bond measures."

Lincoln remains a city on the rise with population levels increasing. "Our school's growth is dependent on the community's population growing. It does seem that we will see growth in Lincoln in the coming years. So while we'll see a decline in the short run [in terms of enrollment at LHS], we do expect to start growing again within a few years," Hladun said. Growth in athletics, programs, classes and clubs will continue as students make LHS their home and take advantage of its diverse resources.

Many may believe that TBHS will be the better school because it's the newest. "It is true that TBHS will have newer facilities and really, we can't get around that. But LHS also has rich traditions, established programs and activities, and a community of Zebras (some families have 4 generations of Zebras in their homes!), and we'll do our best to harness our community and our history to keep our school a special place to learn, grow and teach," Hladun said. "It'll be important for our Zebras to be supportive and encouraging about our school in the community. We have to keep our heads up and remain proud to be Fighting Zebras!"

