

Lunch and Learn on Sustainability & Stewardship

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[Food Services Sustainability Roadmap](#)

On February 19th, the LWPTSA hosted a Lunch & Learn on Sustainability & Stewardship with the district's Associated Director of Sustainability & Resource Conservation, Hannah Ljunggren as guest speaker. The session highlighted the district's deep commitment to its core values of Sustainability & Stewardship and the strategic goal of Integrated Sustainability. The district's efforts are guided by Policy OE-9, which focuses on four major goals:

- **Impact** Reduce and or/mitigate the environmental impact of District operations.
- **Resiliency** Enhance the resiliency of the district towards future environmental impacts,
- **Student Readiness:** Prepare students to graduate ready for a future where they are equipped to understand and address the complex and challenging interrelationships between human & the environment, and
- **Staff Support:** Equip staff to appropriately support District efforts related to this policy.

The Roadmap to Success

In partnership with GreenLink Education—a minority and women-owned LLC—the district is finalizing Phase 1 of the Sustainability and Resource Conservation Action Plan and are now transitioning into Phase 2, which focuses on a comprehensive Sustainability Roadmap to guide our long-term implementation

Student Engagement & Staff Support:

The district is working to:

- Standardize Green Teams across schools
- Catalog Green Team projects
- Invite student speakers to the Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC)
- Provide checklists and guidance to ensure every school receives appropriate support

Future plans include:

- Hosting Green Career Fairs
- Expanding support for student-led sustainability projects and programs.

Nutrition Services: A Greener Plate

LWSD is transforming our cafeterias through the Food Services Sustainability Roadmap (FSSR) with Our goals that include:

- More Plant-Based Options: Increasing offerings from 20% to 30% .
- Support Local: Boosting local purchasing from 12% up to 25%.
- Student Voice: Hosting at least six feedback and tasting events annually to develop culturally appropriate recipes.
- Waste Reduction: Continuing to support school share tables and working with vendors to reduce processed packaging.

Clean Buildings & Smart Construction

LWSD facilities are becoming models of efficiency. Since 2008, the district has achieved \$23.1M in utility savings and a 28% reduction in energy use per square foot.

- Innovative Standards: New projects now include geothermal loops, solar-ready roofs, and electric vehicle charging stations.
- Compliance: We are on track for the June 1, 2026, deadline for our largest buildings to meet the [Clean Buildings Performance Standard \(CBPS\) – Washington State Department of Commerce](#)

Current CBPS Compliance

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Low Risk - 27 locations			Low Risk - 12 locations		At Risk - 5 locations	
Compliant or Likely Compliant			Tier 2 or Major Construction		Near Compliance	
Secondary & Admin	Elementary		Tier 2	Construction	Secondary & Admin	Elementary
FHMS/EAS	Baker	Redmond	Dickinson/Explorer ES	Alcott ES	Inglewood MS	Audubon
Kirkland MS	Barton	Rosa Parks	McAuliffe ES	Rockwell ES	Eastlake HS	Juanita ES
Redmond MS	Bell	Rose Hill	Wilder ES	Smith ES	Renaissance MS	
RHMS/Stella Scholta	Blackwell	Rush	ORSH	Evergreen MS		
Timberline MS	Carson	Sandburg/Discovery	Support Services Annex	Kamiakin MS		
Juanita HS*	Einstein	Community (ICS)	Willows Annex	Emerson Campus		
Lake Washington HS	Frost					
Redmond HS	Keller					
International (ICS)	Kirk					
Tesla STEM HS	Mead					
Support Services Center	Muir					
					High Risk - 6 locations	
					Not Compliant	
					Secondary & Admin	Elementary
					Resource Center	Franklin
						Leakeview
						Mann
						Thoreau
						Twain

Transportation

LWSD received \$1.7 million in federal grants to introduce electric school buses and charging stations which were deployed at the beginning of this school year.

- **Routes:** These quieter, emission-free buses serve Frost, Muir, and Redmond Elementary.
- **Collaboration with Cities:** Participants suggested more collaboration with the city to offset some of the cost involved with maintenance of electric buses.
- **Collaboration with Community Partners:** Ongoing collaboration with Sustainability Ambassadors for their carbon commute challenge & City of Redmond in their SchoolPool program.

🗨 Highlights from our "Lunch & Learn"

Valuable feedbacks shared by our community members:

- Compost bin linings for easy clean up for school custodial staff.
- Exploring alternative options for snack shops to reduce waste production from single use plastics.
- Encouraging groups like the **PTSA** to align with district's goals by reducing food waste at events and staff appreciations, district wide policies on waste reduction.

- While schools remain the priority for compost collection, the district is developing a training plan to expand these services to the Resource Center.
- Introduce opportunities for Outdoor education like Youth Ecology Education through Restoration ([YEER](#))
- Collaborate with Safe Route to School to bring road safety and biking education for middle schools.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Stay engaged with our ongoing sustainability initiatives and committee meetings:

Date	Event	Topic / Details
March 3, 2026	LWPTSA Sustainability Meeting	Garden & Share Tables (Virtual, 10–11:30 AM)
March 4, 2026	Future Chefs Cook-Off	Live competition at <u>Juanita High School</u>
March 12, 2026	Sustainability Advisory Committee	Strategic progress and recommendations
April 7, 2026	LWPTSA Sustainability Meeting	Transportation (Sammamish Room, 10–11:30 AM)
April 23, 2026	Sustainability Advisory Committee	Ongoing project feedback
May 5, 2026	LWPTSA Sustainability Meeting	Planning for the next school year (Virtual)
June 1, 2026	CBPS Deadline	Compliance deadline for Tier 1.A buildings

**June 11,
2026**

Sustainability Advisory
Committee

Year-end review

Want to get involved in your school PTA's Sustainability journey? Reach out to
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