



HOQUIAM, WA

FUTURE ECONOMIC DRIVER: HOQUIAM K-12 CAMPUS DEVELOPEMENT

\$157M+ TOTAL PROJECT COST



A K-12 campus redevelopment is slated for Hoquiam, WA, modernizing school facilities and spurring economic growth in the Aberdeen-Hoquiam corridor. This state-backed project prioritizes safety by relocating schools out of the tsunami hazard zone and represents a long-term public infrastructure investment in the region. The new K-12 campus is expected to uplift the broader area, as the city of Aberdeen is only 4 miles away, effectively forming a twin-city corridor.

Project Scope & Phases

- **New 7-12 Campus:** Construction of a 190,500+ SF junior-senior high school (grades 7-12) to replace the aging Hoquiam High School, featuring modern 21st-century learning environments with updated classrooms, science labs, arts spaces, and athletic facilities.
- **Continuous Operations:** Built on the existing 30-acre high school site, the new facility will be constructed while the current school remains operational.
- **Future K-6 Expansion:** A new elementary school for grades K-6 is planned as a future phase on the same campus.

Timeline

- **2024-2026 – Planning & Design:** Project design is underway, with conceptual design funded in 2025 and design development and permitting continuing through 2026.
- **Mid-2027 – Construction Start:** Ground-breaking is anticipated by July 2027, marking the start of the main construction phase.
- **Mid-2029 – Project Completion:** The new 7-12 campus is slated for completion by mid-2029.

Economic Impact & Community Benefits

- **Major Public Investment:** This redevelopment represents a significant long-term investment in Hoquiam's future. It is largely funded by the state, bringing outside capital into Grays Harbor County and reinforcing confidence in the region's growth. No new local bond taxes are expected, thanks to a state seismic grant.
- **Job Creation & Local Growth:** The construction effort is expected to generate substantial employment for local contractors, trades, and support services. The influx of workers and capital will boost local commerce and create a multiplier effect on the regional economy during the build-out phase.
- **Modern Community Hub:** The state-of-the-art campus will serve as more than just a school by becoming a community asset. New amenities like science labs, performing arts spaces, athletic complexes, and safer outdoor areas will benefit both students and residents. The campus can host events and sports, fostering community pride and engagement.
- **Attracting Families & Talent:** Enhanced school quality and safety can draw families to the area and help retain local youth, supporting long-term workforce development. This improved K-12 infrastructure makes the Aberdeen-Hoquiam area more attractive for employers and housing investors by providing a stable, educated community base.

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