



Earth-moving equipment prepares the ground for field improvements at Honey Dew Elementary School.

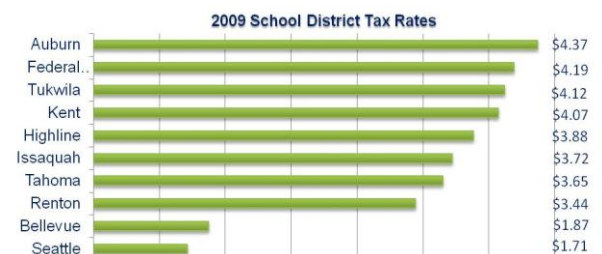
Improvements continue to fields at Honey Dew Elementary School

May 27, 2009 — Improvements to fields have begun at Honey Dew Elementary School, located at 800 Union Ave NE, Renton. The improvements are made possible thanks to voter approval of a May 2008 bond measure which also includes a new wing for 10 additional classrooms at Hazen High School and other improvements to schools and fields across the district.

The district held true to its promise not to increase tax rates with the approval of the bond and levy measures, maintaining the district's tax rate among the lowest in the region.

Improvements to the fields at Honey Dew include:

- new baseball field with dugout and bleachers, 2 softball fields with backstops and 2 soccer fields;
- replacement of the sod and infield dirt mix;
- raising of the field and better drainage to keep water from standing on the surface of the fields; and,
- installation of an irrigation system.



The fields will be ready by summer 2010.

School construction continues

Honey Dew Elementary School is also undergoing modernization to meet the needs of a 21st century school. The work is part of a bond measure

approved by voters in 2003. The construction project is on time and on budget. Many elements of the existing building will be reused in an effort to be environmentally friendly.

The school will feature 16 general classrooms and 3 kindergarten classrooms, a music room, library/media center and a gymnasium, which will also act as a cafeteria and student performance space. The existing courtyard will become a space that will serve the library as an outdoor reading area and provide relief for classrooms.



District soon to recommend use of Honey Dew School to Board

Renton Schools Superintendent Dr. Mary Alice Heuschel soon will offer the School Board a recommendation on the use of Honey Dew Elementary School for the 2009-2010 school year using current and projected student enrollment data along with budgetary considerations to determine when the school will open.