



A Message from Suzanne Stell



Things are in *Go, Chargers* mode at 17301 Preston Road. For starters, the contractor's blue fence wrapping is down, and you can see all the action. People are emailing and texting us, saying, "Wow, it's looking great!" You can see the big spanse of windows facing Preston Road, and it's exciting just to see what has been veiled up to now.

You can see lots of high-speed interaction among the construction crews. You can feel the energy as final touches are being put in place on Phase One.

Much of the classroom furniture has been delivered. It will get distributed to our 125 academic classrooms. Just yesterday we saw some of the SmartBoards being installed, and you can visualize your child's teacher in front of the class leading a lesson. Everything that the teachers packed up at the Ward Campus now resides in its new home. Of course, there's the unpacking to do, but it's always fun to set housekeeping at a new home, especially one with such a fresh, dynamic design like ours.

Athletic fields are looking great, and it's great to see the [Shelton Charger horse logo pop on the new turf](#). The Fine Arts complex is taking shape. Common spaces, library spaces, STEM and Montessori spaces are all materializing as we speak, and we can't wait to have you join us for some special event or community occasion in our new space. There's simply

nothing like momentum to excite us all, as we make the transition from floor plans on paper, to walking on the floors that are now being finished.

All the while, our Outreach and Training Department has Montessori Administrator training going on this week, with principals from Dallas and Fort Worth in attendance. In North Carolina, we finished a week of Shelton Adolescent Reading Approach (SARA) teaching level training, with 24 teachers and five instructors enrolled.

And then we have our Class of 2020 graduation stage being set up today. While we never envisioned it to take place in July, we are thrilled to make it happen for our deserving graduates.

We were pleased to share information with you about our school opening this week. Of course, plans are dynamic, and we continue to refine them as we speak.

All in all, *Summer, the Shelton Way*, has been more active than ever. We remain grateful to you, our parents, as we forge ahead with plans for 2020-2021. Stay tuned – the best is yet to come. We want you there to be a part of it all.

Gratefully,
Suzanne Stell

