



Let's Build Trinity Update
March 3, 2023

Dear Trinity Family,

Our campus is a busy place year-round, especially in this spring season. We are in the midst of the Lenten Season, the basketball season is concluding, and the high school musical season is getting started, all at the same time. It highlights the need for worship and performance space. The gym space requires special setup and take down following any event in that area.

We completed re-enrollment with a 96% retention rate and are now working through new applications. As of this morning, we have 582 students enrolled for the 2023/2024 school year, and the high school enrollment is already at 135 students, including 50 in the freshman class and only 16 in the senior class. The need for additional education space has never been more real.

Since our last update from February 3, 2023...

- ❖ **Boldly Building our Legacy (BBOL) Capital Campaign**
 - Our first McMenamins BBOL event was held on February 26. It was a special night with an excellent interview by Pastor Caleb of our special guest school parent and ESPN Analyst Jessica Mendoza-Burks. This event will be repeated on March 12 at McMenamin's downtown from 4-6 pm.
 - Commitments and gifts through March 3 have totaled \$6,004,139, which means we are over halfway towards the \$12,000,000 goal.
 - BBOL donors are currently in the process of fulfilling their pledges. 32.72% of the commitments have been funded so far.
 - The Trinity Auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2023, and will serve as the culminating event of the BBOL Capital Campaign.
- ❖ **[BLRB Architects](#)**
 - The architects are focusing on developing a final scope for the project that will be within Trinity's budget.
 - Once a scope is finalized that fits within the project budget, we will present it to the Trinity Voters' Assembly to approve the next steps.
- ❖ **Construction Manager / General Contractor (CM/GC)**

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- The vote at the March 5 Voters' Assembly is to affirm the Board of Directors' recommendation to engage [Fortis Construction](#) as our Construction Manager / General Contractor (CM/GC). As Construction Manager, they will work with BLRB to build a budget supporting the project's scope. Fortis was chosen because

- They offered a competitive bid
- A lower cost overall
- A lower construction rate

Trinity will initially be responsible for the pre-construction fees (\$50,000). Once the project is defined and a final scope is priced out per what we have raised, we will return to the congregation for construction approval.

Another blessing of working with Fortis is that two Trinity school parents work for Fortis, and one will be on campus as a project leader.

❖ Modular Classrooms

- The permanent permit paperwork has been submitted to the City of Bend for consideration, and we await their final approval.

❖ Giving Opportunities

- For donors over 70 1/2, gifts from your IRAs can be Qualified Charitable Donations, which count toward annual Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) but are not taxable as most RMDs usually are.
- Please check with your retirement planner or accountant to see how you can give with little to no tax implications on your gift.
 - Many of our Trinity Family have worked with Thrivent Financial over the years, and they are glad to assist as needed. Contact our local Thrivent representative, Tyler Brewer, for more information, at 208-409-4126.

Trinity's Communications team launched a website to provide updates to the Boldly Building Our Legacy (BBOL) Campaign:

- ❖ <http://www.trinitylutheranbend.org/lets-build-trinity/?playlist=777009e&video=a88942e>

There is a host of information on this site, updated project designs as we receive them, and testimonies from several Trinity Family members to share why they will participate.

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