

# **SCHOOL SERVICES**

## **Introduction:**

Educational offerings of the public school system (K-12) are provided on a county-wide basis throughout the Lincoln County School District (LCSD). The physical plant within the City of Newport includes a kindergarten building, two elementary schools, a middle school, a high school, and the district administrative offices. Oregon Coast Community College Service District (OCCCSO) provides learning opportunities beyond that at a number of locations.

## **Summary, Existing and Future:**

### Elementary Schools

There are two elementary schools serving the city's population. The larger is Sam Case Elementary, and it is in very good condition and has a life expectancy in excess of 25 years. The school is situated in a single-family residential zone and is adjacent the kindergarten building constructed in 1989. The site is adequate in size. It is located on N.E. 12th Street, four blocks east of U.S. Highway 101.

Yaquina View is the other elementary school within the City, and it is located in the southeasterly area on John Moore Road. The school was built in 1960 and added onto in 1976. It is in good condition with a useful life exceeding 25 years. The school is on a good site with some area available for future expansion in this low-density residential area.

### Middle School

Newport Middle School is centrally located across the street from the high school on N.E. Eads Street. The building is in fair condition and is expected to require considerable work to extend its useful life beyond another 10-year period. The site is very limited with respect to size. Currently, there is insufficient area for outside physical education athletics with no district-owned property for expansion. It is anticipated, should a portion or all of the property now occupied by the fairgrounds be acquired by the district, that some of the land there would be used by the middle school for their activities.

### High School

Newport High School was constructed in 1950 and expanded in 1953, 1957, 1964, 1978, and again in 1988. It is generally considered to be in fair to

good condition; however, the school buildings are situated on a very limited site. The size is about one half of that which is the recommended standard for a high school of our enrollment. The school is located in a high density residential neighborhood and adjacent to the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. An expansion of school grounds to encompass some or all of the existing Fair site is being publicly discussed.

### Community College

The Oregon Coast Community College Service District currently leases approximately 13,000 square feet of office and classroom space in two buildings in the uptown business area of Newport. In addition, other space is utilized on an as-needed basis. The uptown sites work well from the standpoint of accessibility and compatibility, with off-site support services available at nearby locations. Peak class loading does from time-to-time put pressure on nearby parking, however.

The college opened in October of 1987, and increased enrollment in the second year of operations by 40%. Current annual Newport class attendance is about 3,600 students, which represents about two thirds of the college's total enrollment throughout Lincoln County. An increase in students of approximately 10% a year for the next several years is projected by the college.

Oregon Coast Community College is a service district and now contracts for educational services through Portland Community College. As such, the school is prohibited from owning any real estate. The expectation for the planning period is that although enrollment will climb, classroom and other needs for physical space will be met primarily through utilization of existing structures.

The college provides basic class work transferable to a four-year institution for those students pursuing graduate degrees, as well as a variety of programs upgrading skills of those currently in or returning to the work force. In addition, they have pledged to offer any class in demand by a minimum number of students and offer enrichment classes in the arts and other areas.

### **Characteristics and Enrollment:**

Table 1 (next page) compares 1978-79 student counts and capacities by school with 1989-90 figures, and Table 2 on page 223 shows the Newport area school enrollment over the past 30 years. While the 1978-79 numbers represent the 30-year low, current enrollments equal the historical highs of the late 1960's. Enrollments track roughly with population trends, but

Table 1  
 Characteristics of Newport Schools  
 1978-79 compared to 1989-90

School	Grades Served	Number of Classrooms <sup>a</sup>	Student Capacity <sup>b</sup>	Enrollment	Bldg. Size (Sq. Ft.)	Year Built	Last Addition	Site Size (Acres)
NEWPORT MIDDLE								
1978-79	7-9	16	390	348	44,330	1950	1983	4.93
1989-90	6-8	18	440	402	48,550			
NEWPORT HIGH								
1978-79	10-12	18	440	365	66,563	1950	1987	8.35
1989-90	9-12	23	575	552	82,714			
SAM CASE								
1978-79	1-6	16	390	337	32,088	1958	1989	7.17
1989-90	K-5	23	575	549	46,054			
YAQUINA VIEW								
1978-79	1-6	16	390	332	25,730	1960	1988	8.42
1989-90	1-5	21	525	467	41,341			

a - Does not include special purpose rooms such as the library, gym, or multi-purpose rooms at elementary level and shop, I.M.C., art, home ec, band, gym, or auditorium rooms at secondary level. Has remained constant over the years.

b - Based on 25 students per general purpose classroom, except where special education students are enrolled. In this case, one classroom is assigned for every 15 students. Has remained constant over the years.

c - Enrollment projected for applicable school year.

Source: Lincoln County School District.

they are also influenced by the demographics of different age groups and changing cultural norms. Today, increasing enrollments and new educational programs (both mandated and desirable) are creating greater demands for both facilities and teachers. See Table 3 on page 225 for school enrollment projections through 1996.

### Comprehensive Building Plan:

In May of 1979, the school district adopted a comprehensive building plan which, at a district-wide level, had an estimated cost of approximately \$79 million. In reviewing that plan in 1987, the school board of directors shelved the comprehensive building plan due to the economic impact it would have on the district. They further directed staff to develop a new plan, and that planning process is currently underway with a facility appraisal to be

completed by each school and a physical assessment of all facilities rendered with professional architectural and engineering assistance. It is anticipated a plan will be finalized in 1991. In turn, it will be taken to the voters for implementation.

Major considerations to be looked at by the district include the following:

- > A detailed assessment of the physical condition, including structural stability, comprehensive life expectancy, fire safety considerations, handicap accessibility, mechanical and energy systems efficiency, and overall condition modernization needs.
- > Data for five-year facility needs for capacity, considering current and projected enrollment.
- > Existing and proposed educational programs and functions, instructional material centers, service requirements for administrative instructional staff, students, and other personnel.
- > Community use of the facilities.
- > Board policies and goals as they affect curriculum and facility requirements, including grade organization, class size, and length of school year and day.

The district further intends to develop alternative proposals, including preliminary cost estimates for each alternative, and assess the suitability and the feasibility of those in coordination with city plans and facilities. Obviously, the primary focus in coordination with the city will be relative to land use, public facilities, and transportation.

## CONCLUSIONS:

- 1.) The Lincoln County School District Board of Directors has set aside the modernization and renovation plan adopted in May of 1979, and instructed that a new facility plan be prepared by 1991.
- 2.) Generally, building and grounds space for the Lincoln County School District is marginally adequate.
- 3.) The Oregon Coast Community College Service District's student enrollment is expected to grow significantly, but adequate leased space is expected to be made available by the private sector to meet the needs over and above those satisfied through the use of public facilities.
- 4.) The Oregon Coast Community College Service District has adopted a policy of "education on demand" and will work with residents of the community to try and provide whatever instruction is desired.
- 5.) The entire educational system, with the possible exception of the high school, is currently expanding enrollment and is anticipated to do so over at least the next five years. The school district is on record as being committed to coordinating with City of Newport officials to insure compatibility with comprehensive land use plans and zoning regulations as they affect their facility expansion requirements.

**GOALS/POLICIES**  
**SCHOOL SERVICES**

**Goal: To successfully integrate the needs and requirements for educational facilities within city neighborhoods where they can be appropriately served with utilities, transportation needs can be met, and other requirements for city services can be efficiently provided.**

Policy 1: The City of Newport shall work with Lincoln County School District officials to assure that planned development under their new facility plan shall be implemented in accordance with state and city land use regulations.

Policy 2: If the decision is made to expand or relocate the middle and high school facilities, the city will work cooperatively with both the school district and the county to effect such a change, in conformance with utility, transportation, and land use planning considerations.

Policy 3: The city shall cooperate in providing whatever planning information we have in order to aid the district in developing its facility plan and shall continue to monitor and report to the district trends in demographics, housing, and related data that will affect their planning and ability to meet the needs of future student populations.

Policy 4: The city shall coordinate with the Oregon Coast Community College Service District at their request in guiding expansion to appropriate areas within the city for their facilities.

Policy 5: The city shall be supportive where possible in expanding the scope of the OCCCS D's course offerings and look particularly at possibilities for training and education in support of local business expansion or relocations to the Newport area.