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Orange County opening seven new, renovated or replaced elementary schools

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Seven OCPS elementary schools around the county will have new, replacement or renovated buildings when students return to classrooms August 24.

These include two brand new schools built to relieve overcrowding – Eagle Creek Elementary near Lake Nona and Independence Elementary in Horizon West. Those schools bring Orange County's total number of schools to 186.

In addition, the district has replaced Lake Weston Elementary in Orlando as well as Clay Springs and Lovell elementaries in Apopka, renovated Apopka Elementary in Apopka and Lake Whitney Elementary in Winter Garden.

All of the schools have been upgraded to a district standard that includes a single, secured entrance, wiring for one-to-one devices, closed-circuit TV studios for student use, audio enhancement in the classrooms and other spaces, and interactive projectors and screens.

The schools include administrative offices, classrooms, a multipurpose space/cafeteria, media center, kitchen, art and music labs, computer lab, parking lots, covered walkways, play areas, outdoor activity spaces and parent drop-off loops.

The total cost of the work was approximately \$110,400,000. The district plans to open eight new, renovated or replacement schools in 2016 and 15 in 2017.

Combined, the schools opening between 2015 and 2017 are expected to create 19,742 jobs such as construction workers, designers and support personnel.

The community is welcome to attend "Sneak Peeks" that will be held at the schools next week to show off their new features:

Apopka Elementary: 4 to 7 p.m. August 19
Independence Elementary: 5 to 7 p.m. August 19
Lake Weston Elementary: 5 to 7 p.m. August 19
Lovell Elementary, 4 to 7 p.m. August 20
Clay Springs Elementary, 4 to 7 p.m. August 21
Eagle Creek Elementary, 5 to 7 p.m. August 21

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