



Corvallis School District Bond Program Community Update Spring 2023

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



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It is hard to believe we are finally in the home stretch of completing our Corvallis School District Bond Program projects. One aspect of this process I am most proud of is all of the community involvement. Hundreds of students, staff, and community members will pass by our schools and be able to say they contributed to the design.

As we enter the last phases of work, I am proud of our commitment to our core values of educational design, including:

- › Relationships build a community of trust and respect
- › Inclusive learning environments are culturally relevant
- › Real-world experiential learning is meaningful and applied
- › Community connections support learning
- › Adaptability is critical to our success

Every step of the way, we have put students at the center of our decision-making process. Watching the joy on their faces as they entered their new spaces and found new and exciting ways to learn has been a highlight of my 24-year career in public education.

The investments by the community have made it possible for our students to achieve academic growth through safe and inclusive learning environments that will shape them to be the leaders of tomorrow.



BOND PROGRAM UPDATE

Major work in the final stages of the program includes:

- › Completing new additions and site work at the Adams and Mt. View Elementary campuses
- › Finalizing intersection and parking lot work in front of Bessie Coleman Elementary
- › Completing project at College Hill/Harding Center
- › Wiring and power hook up for roof solar panels at Franklin K-8



Safety & Security
Improvements



Capacity
Improvements



Renovations
& Repairs



Modern
Educational Spaces

BOND PROGRAM PROJECT: MAJOR MILESTONES

Bond approved
by Corvallis voters

2018

Planning and
design work

2019

Major project
work began

2020

Final projects
under contract

2022

All projects
completed

2023

KEY FEATURES

Several key features were incorporated into the design of each school building. These features provide needed updates to ensure safety, sustainability, and real-world learning opportunities for all students.



Secure Vestibules

School entrances are a welcoming entry for students, families, and the community. In addition, a secure front entry and reception area allows staff to have full visual access to the front of the building while maintaining controlled access between the main office and the rest of the school.

Private Student Restrooms

Private student restrooms promote safety, privacy, and better supervision of students. The redesigned restrooms include enclosed single-stall bathrooms with doors that close and lock and communal handwashing stations that any student can use.

All restrooms have one enclosed stall with a sink and mirror, allowing students' physical and cultural needs to be met.





Creative Learning Spaces

Creative learning spaces allow students to improve educational outcomes and participate in real-world learning. Teachers can break classes into smaller groups in collaboration spaces and engage in project-based learning.

Schools now have dedicated art, science, and music spaces. Adding maker spaces allows for hands-on learning projects. These flexible spaces allow the district to adapt to educational changes over time by providing creative learning opportunities.



Solar Power

The district's commitment to sustainability includes reduced dependence on traditional energy sources and opportunities to teach students about solar energy and its importance. The state of Oregon requires 1.5 percent of the cost of eligible projects to go to renewable energy.

We partnered with the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition Solarize Corvallis project to install solar arrays at district buildings, which produce roughly 754kW/hour. Several buildings also have a battery backup or generator, which ensures students can be present in school regardless of power outages, and allows these spaces to serve as a community resource in an emergency.



Separate Gym and Cafeteria

Our cafeteria spaces now allow for multi-use dining; smaller spaces provide students with improved sensory experiences and alternate seating options. The updated student serving area in the cafeteria and dedicated dishwashing stations help to improve student experience at lunchtime.



Part of the 2022 Local Option Levy funds music, physical education, and art teachers at all elementary schools. To help meet physical education hours requirements, the district prioritized separate gym and cafeteria spaces to allow for more physical education instructional time.



SPRING 2023 - A TIME TO CELEBRATE!

As the district nears the completion of our final projects, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the community. This work would not be possible without your unwavering support. Corvallis is a community that cares deeply about public education, and the investments made through our bond will support generations of students with safe, welcoming, and dynamic spaces to learn.

A significant accomplishment is that all projects are within budget, which is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our Bond Oversight Committee. This committee was formed in 2018 and tasked with monitoring the progress of the bond program, reviewing bond program financial reports, and ensuring bond revenues are used for the purpose consistent with the voter-approved bond measure.

Thank you to our past and current committee members for their service!