Oregon City School District 2018 Bond Proposal

Why are voters being asked to consider a Bond?

- **Safety and Security is an Urgent Priority**
  Every school in the Oregon City School District has communications systems, locks, front entries and security systems in need of repair or replacement. Fire alarm systems and sprinklers also need repair or replacement.

- **Our School Buildings are Inefficient and in Need of Repair**
  The average age of our elementary and middle schools is 61 years old and two schools are 80 years old. This means their electrical, plumbing, heating, and cooling systems are inefficient, out-of-date and in some cases so old the district cannot find replacement parts.

- **Some Schools Need Replacement**
  Both Odgen and Gardiner middle schools have significant challenges and limitations that need urgent attention. An architectural assessment of both found inadequate learning spaces, air quality issues, safety concerns and significant problems with siding, windows and roofs.

- **Capacity**
  Our middle schools are serving 140% more students than they were built for. The original buildings were designed for enrollments of about 600 students. Currently we have 800 - 875 students at each campus.

The Bond Would Improve Our Schools in 3 Key Areas:

- **Prioritize Safety and Security at Every School**
  - Build secure entries at all schools
  - Replace aging emergency communications systems
  - Repair or replace aging security camera systems
  - **$18.8 million**

- **Reduce Overcrowding, Replace & Upgrade Two Middle Schools**
  - Replace Gardiner Middle School
  - Renovate Ogden Middle School
  - Eliminate 10 portable classrooms
  - **$131.3 million**

- **Update School Buildings & Learning Spaces**
  - Renovate or replace HVAC systems, plumbing, roofs and electrical systems in schools across the district
  - Install LED lighting
  - Expand career and tech learning options
  - Expand classroom spaces
  - **$7.9 million**

**If the bond passes, what would it cost?**

Property owners in the Oregon School District currently are paying $1.14 per thousand of assessed value. The proposed $158 million dollar bond would cost taxpayers an additional 10 cents per $1,000 of assessed value. For example, owners of a home assessed at $300,000 could expect to pay $30 more per year or $2.50 per month.

**Oversight**

An independent citizen Bond Oversight Committee would be established to oversee the use of bond funds if the bond passes.
Bond Projects by School

**SAFETY & SECURITY**
- Secure school entries
- Security technology upgrades
- School access controls
- Improved drop-off/pickup safety
- Field safety improvements
- Increased play area security

**REDUCE OVERCROWDING, REPLACE & UPGRADE TWO MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

**REPLACE GARDINER MIDDLE SCHOOL**
- Replace a 1954 school to reduce overcrowding, enhance learning spaces, improve safety and security and increase energy efficiency.
- Secure school entries
- Security technology upgrades
- Improved drop-off/pickup safety
- Field safety improvements
- Provided added career-technical learning spaces
- Eliminate all 10 portable classrooms

**RENOVATE OGDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL**
- Renovate Ogden Middle School to add common areas, improve life safety and security, and improve learning conditions
- Secure school entries
- Security technology upgrades
- School access controls
- Improved drop-off/pickup safety
- Field safety improvements
- Increased play area security

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Oregon City Students and Staff: Doing Great Things

Oregon City is a State Leader in School Achievement

- Year after year, we exceed state testing averages at every grade level in every subject. The district has one of the highest graduation rates in the state.
- A state leader in the number of teachers awarded National Board Certification.
- Students are graduating college and career ready, many with college credits.

Leader in Educational Options

- Hands-on learning opportunities
- High school options include Clackamas Academy of Industrial Sciences and Oregon City Service Learning Academy
- Bilingual Program - Jennings Lodge, Candy Lane, Gardiner Middle School

Fiscal Responsibility

- Winner of Government Finance Officers Association for financial reporting for 25 years in a row. Received the highest rating on “Return of Educational Investment” in the latest national study of school funding and student achievement by the Center for American Progress.

Community Partnerships

- Community learning and internships at Oregon City Service Learning Academy
- Oregon City High School and other high schools partner with Clackamas Community College