



Quick Facts!

In partnership with the community, Oregon City School District's Bond Planning Team has developed a school capital construction bond proposal to transform our elementary schools and create dynamic learning environments throughout the district that fully support every student's success.

WHAT?

Maintenance and Preservation of District Schools: Replace **rusty piping and leaky roofs, failing electrical and HVAC systems, and asbestos abatement** in decades-old elementary schools. Comprehensive replacements and repairs to critical building systems will **create safer, healthier spaces for students** to learn and grow.

Create Functional Learning Spaces: Fund critical upgrades, transforming outdated classrooms, cramped bathrooms, and undersized cafeterias and libraries into functional spaces. Convert wide-open, overcrowded instructional areas into **secure classrooms** with lockable doors, ensuring a safer and more effective learning environment.

Safety and Technology Improvements: **Enhance school security** by closing gaps in fencing, installing door monitoring systems, upgrading building access controls, and adding alarms to reduce unauthorized entry risks. Begin to add advanced camera software and other technologies to help prevent, deter, and detect harmful activities, allowing **swift response** to potential threats by staff and law enforcement.

Accessibility Improvements: Improve ADA accessibility to ensure **equitable access for all students, staff, and community members** to school grounds, playgrounds, bathrooms, and facilities.

Career and Technical (CTE) Program Expansion: Update, expand, and improve job training classrooms and labs for high school and middle school students. Extend programs at the elementary level to **prepare our students with the technical skills, professional practices, and academic knowledge that is critical for careers in high-wage, in-demand careers.**

Energy Savings: Make **energy-saving improvements** to HVAC, windows, and lighting systems, which can save thousands of dollars in future utility costs.



Supporting this bond is investing in our community's future. Strong schools are the foundation of a thriving community; they attract new families, support local businesses, and enhance the quality of life in Oregon City. Passing this bond ensures our district remains competitive with neighboring districts and that all students learn in safe, up-to-date schools.

Why?

Job Creation: Oregon City School District plans to **hire local contractors** to do the construction work associated with the bond to the greatest extent allowed by law. The dollars invested in our community could **sustain hundreds of jobs each year**.

Secures Additional Funding: The Oregon City School District is working hard to reduce taxpayer costs. Passing this bond unlocks a **\$6 million matching grant**, amplifying every taxpayer's contribution and extending the reach of our investment.

Economic Engine: By preserving our schools, we open new community engagement and growth opportunities. Schools are a hub for learning and a **place for community members to gather and host events**. During the 2023-24 school year alone, community groups hosted nearly 50,000 attendees at our schools and on our fields when classes were not in session, helping to stimulate the local economy.

Timing is Right: With inflation pushing up construction prices, every day we delay addressing our elementary schools' maintenance and design problems means that eventual repair and renovation will be more expensive. **Passing this bond now means we can do more, for less** than the same projects will cost in a few years.

Stay Competitive: In addition to classrooms and interior spaces, this bond updates athletic fields and facilities, ensuring students and families can use these spaces in all weather conditions and that our **facilities don't fall behind neighboring districts**.

How Much?

The overall tax rate is projected to increase by no more than \$1.23 per \$1,000 of taxable value annually. Based on the median **assessed home value** (not market rate) in Oregon City of \$271,000*, this investment amounts to just over \$6 per week.

*Median assessed value according to the Clackamas County Assessor's Office.

Vote yes on Measure 3-616 on Election day: Nov. 5, 2024!
YESforOCschools24@gmail.com www.YesforOCschools.com

