



Greater Albany Public Schools

Proposed Bond for School Repairs, Crowding and Vocational Programs

May 16, 2017

Ballot Measure 22-165

Greater Albany Schools are aging and student enrollment is increasing. Almost two-thirds of district facilities were built before 1968.

The proposed bond would allow the District to:

- Make upgrades and improvements to protect the community's investment in its existing school buildings.
- Save energy costs and improve the safety and security of students;
- Provide more vocational/technical opportunities at the middle schools and high schools;
- Address growing enrollment and relieve overcrowding with construction of classrooms and a cafeteria at Oak Grove Elementary School and a new elementary school in NE Albany; and
- Begin Phase I classrooms/commons/auditorium rebuild of West Albany High School.

Why now?

Greater Albany Schools are aging.

Most were built from 1945 to 1971 and have had few major renovations. The proposed bond would make repairs to address maintenance needs and reduce operating costs in older, inefficient facilities.

The district is growing and many schools are overcrowded.

The proposed bond would add space to address overcrowding and future growth. A population study estimates growth at more than 500 new students in the next five years.¹

Educational requirements continue to change.

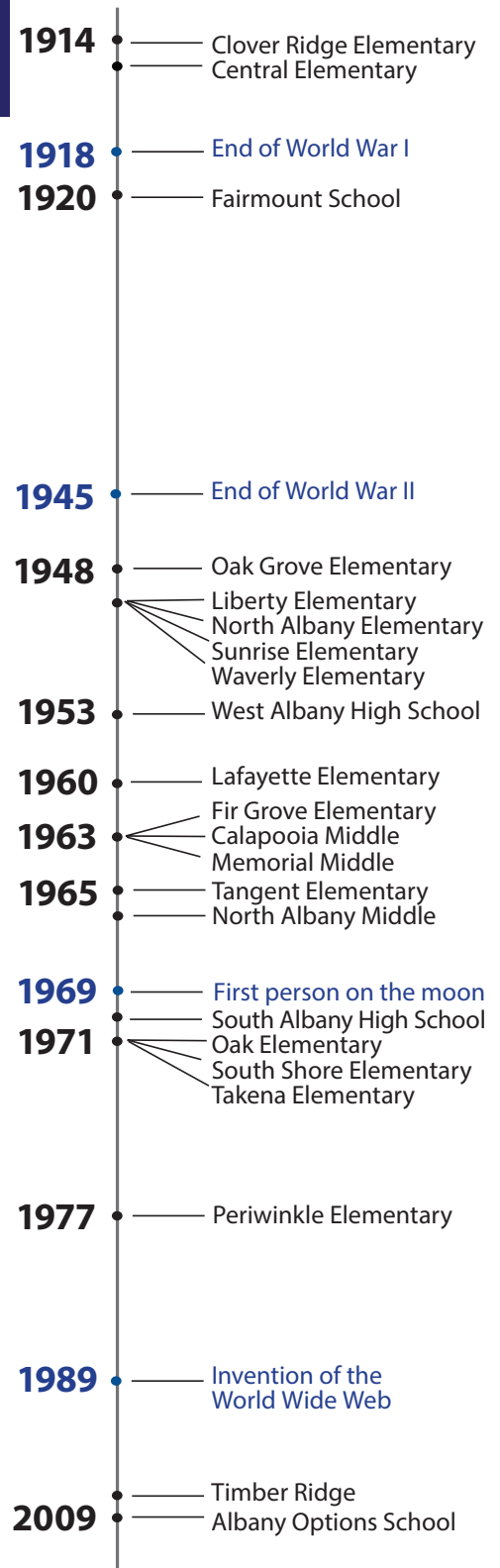
The proposed bond would make safety improvements and modernize facilities for student learning, including adding space for new vocational technical programs to prepare middle and high school students for careers and college.

Construction costs have been increasing.

Costs for construction projects are expected to continue to increase. Delaying critical improvements could result in higher costs when they are addressed.

How much?

If approved, the 20-year \$159 million proposed bond is estimated to cost \$2.35 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, which is an increase of \$.64 per \$1,000 of assessed property value more than taxpayers have been paying. This is approximately \$115 per year for the owner of a home assessed at \$180,000.



Next steps

To be eligible to vote on the proposed bond measure, you must reside in the Greater Albany School District.

Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters beginning on April 27, for the election on May 16, 2017.

Proposed Bond Oversight Committee

If approved, the district will appoint a community-based bond oversight committee to review decisions related to bond fund expenditures.



All District schools are scheduled for improvements.

See a list of projects by school:
www.albany.k12.or.us/bondinfo

Proposed Bond Measure Components

Projects are planned for every District school.

Make critical facility upgrades

Necessary maintenance and upgrades that have not been funded by routine maintenance expenditures, including replacement of roofs, windows, flooring, exterior siding, plumbing, electrical and mechanical systems, and American's with Disabilities Act improvements.

Make energy improvements

Energy improvements district-wide to improve cost efficiency and reduce ongoing maintenance costs, such as replacing old, inefficient high maintenance heating and ventilation systems and windows.

Address security, safety, seismic needs

Make safety and security upgrades where they are needed throughout the district such as automatic door locks, fire alarms and security cameras. Make seismic upgrades district-wide to enable buildings to better withstand a major earthquake.

Rebuild/remodel schools to offer vocational technical classes

Renovate existing classroom space at all middle schools to offer new vocational/technical classes.

Renovate existing classrooms and and construct new vocational/technical classrooms, including a multipurpose classroom space/gym at South Albany High School.

Relieve school overcrowding

Renovate and add classrooms and a cafeteria at Oak Grove Elementary School and construct a new elementary school in NE Albany to address growing enrollment

Complete the first phase of West Albany High School's rebuild that would include new classrooms, commons and auditorium.

How were the projects identified?

- A community-based District Facility Advisory Committee (DFAC) studied facility needs and reviewed a facilities study from an architect.
- DFAC made recommendations to the School Board.
- This proposal is based on input from DFAC and opinions gathered in community forums last fall.

Voter Information

Register to vote when you renew your drivers license or online at <http://bit.ly/voteinOregon>.

The last day to register to vote in the May 16 election is April 25.

¹Population forecasts by Davis Demographics & Planning Inc. These materials have been reviewed by the Secretary of State's office.