

GREATER ALBANY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ANNUAL
REPORT

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GAPS Overview







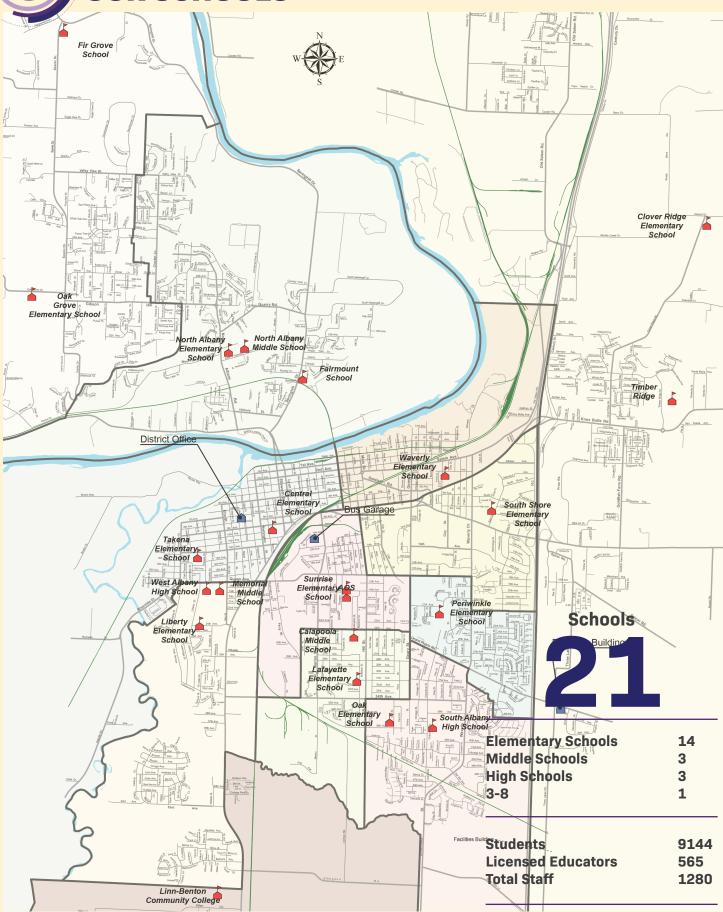
This has been a great year for Greater Albany Public Schools. I have been continually impressed with the dedication of the school board and the diligent efforts of the GAPS staff, striving together to meet the needs of our students and families. While there are a number of examples of students excelling in academics, activities, the arts, and athletics, the greatest indicator of success is seeing over 600 seniors cross the stage and accept their well-earned diplomas. It is a time of jubilant celebration.

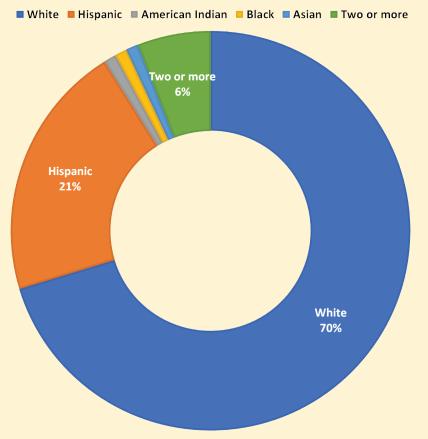
GAPS and the greater Albany community is a special place, and I am thankful and honored to have served as the Interim Superintendent this year. I wish new Superintendent Melissa Goff and everyone who supports our GAPS students the very best!

Respectfully,

Tim Mills Interim Superintendent **Greater Albany Public Schools**









3,843 Students Took
Transportation Twice a Day
for the 2018/19 School Year



41.5% Students Were on Our Reduced or Free Lunch Program for the 2018/19 School Year



School Board

Greater Albany Public Schools Board of Education members are dedicated volunteers who champion for public education in their communities. The most important responsibility of our school board is to work with the public to improve student achievement in our local public schools. Their duties include but are not limited to:

- Employing the superintendent,
- Developing and adopting policies, curriculum, and the budget,
- Overseeing facilities issues, and
- Adopting collective bargaining agreements.

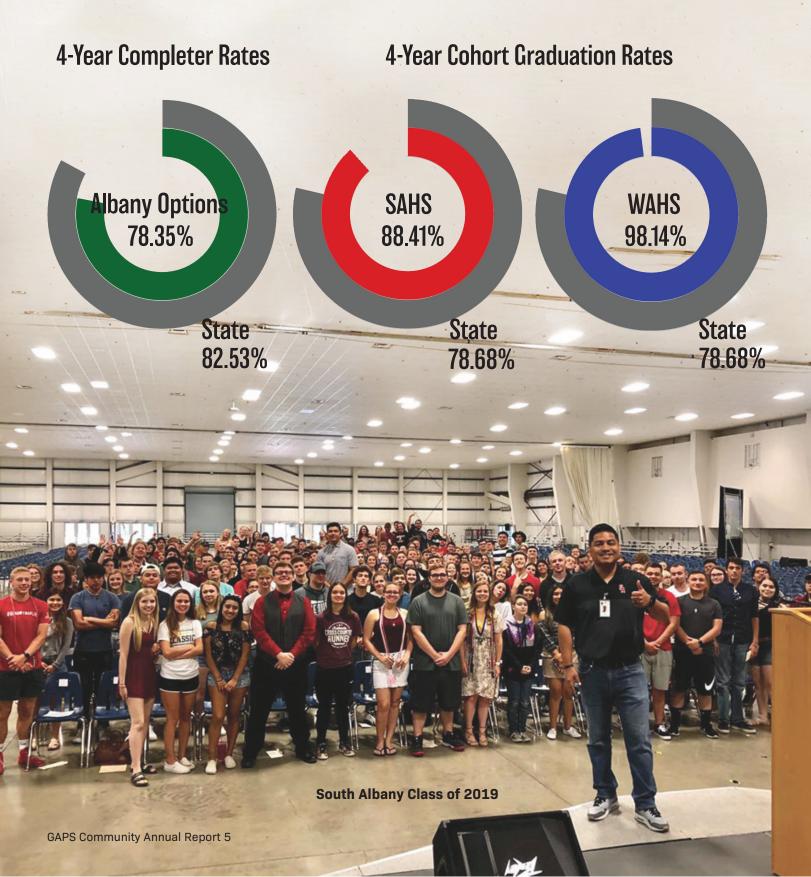
We don't thank them enough for all they do, but we are grateful for their hard work and passion for our youth's education. We'd also like to thank Micah Smith, Lyle Utt, and Frank Bricker, for their selfless service as board members, and to welcome our newly elected board members, Eric Aguinaga and Michael Thomson, for their four-year term starting in the 2019/20 school year. Thank you, School Board!



These are the winners, along with our board of directors and a student board member, of the character education poster contest. There were over 600 applicants. Congratulations!

State Benchmarks

2017-2018 Data from the Oregon Department of Education



Financials

2018/2019 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

\$98M

The day to day operations of the school district.

\$1.3M

Measure 98 is a state grant which supports graduation readiness and post-secondary education preparedness.

2018/2019 Measure 98 Grant

2018/2019 ALL FUNDS BUDGET \$252M

Includes designated federal, state, and construction bond funds.

Construction Bond



1 %75

Percentage of Bond Contracts Sourced Locally

1%57

Number of Dollars Kept in the Greater Albany Area

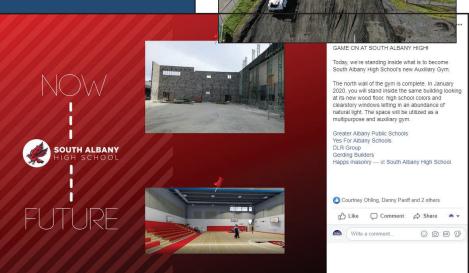
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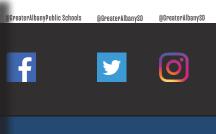
As of June 2019



About the Work

Gerding Builders, LIC has established the site and begun preliminary reroute of existing underground utilities that were in the building's path. IS Networks and GAPS fiber optic lines have been successfully crossed over and are now in the permanent location. Micro-piles have been installed on the west end of the gymnasium in preparation of support of the new structure and the Stadium area has been cleared and selectively demolished. Tennis courts have the base installed and will be scheduled for testing early the coming month. New construction of the Site fire Access Road continues and will provide an access through the site for equipment and material deliveries.







NEW SCHOOLS AND HIGH SCHOOL ADDITIONS

To the right is a series of recent photos from several of our many ongoing construction projects.

Oak Grove Elementary is a replacement school for 500 students, which will increase student capacity in the North Albany area. It will be completed in Fall 2019. Meadow Ridge Elementary is a brand new school for 600 students, which will be completed in early 2020.

The bond projects for South Albany High School include the development of an auxiliary gym, theater upgrades, and the renovation of career technical education (CTE) classrooms, including the addition of new CTE spaces. Completion is scheduled for 2020.

At West Albany High School, the developments will relieve crowding with the construction of an auxiliary gym, CTE spaces, a student commons, and an auditorium, which will be available for use by the entire district. Completion in Fall 2020.

Critical facility upgrades continue in Summer 2019, which includes projects such as new roofing, restroom remodels, the replacement of water lines, etc.

Memorial and North Albany Middle School are receiving upgrades to their CTE spaces and critical facility upgrades. (Calapooia and Timber Ridge were completed last summer.)

Thank you voters!





Oak Grove Elementary School, photos from February and May 2019.





Meadow Ridge Elementary School, photos from May 2019.





South Albany High School, photos from May 2019.





West Albany High School, photos from May 2019.



School/Project	Completed	Under Construction
Albany Options Critical Facility Upgrades	√	
Calapooia Middle		
Critical Facility Upgrades	√	
Career Technical Education Upgrades (CTE)	√	
Central Elementary		
ADA Elevator		√
Critical Facility Upgrades	√	
Fairmont Elementary Critical Facility Upgrades		√
Lafayette Elementary Critical Facility Upgrades	√	
Liberty Elementary Critical Facility Upgrades		√
Meadow Ridge Elementary New School		\downarrow
Memorial Middle		
Critical Facility Upgrades		$\sqrt{}$
CTE Upgrades		$\sqrt{}$
North Albany Elementary Critical Facility Upgrades	√	
North Albany Middle		
Critical Facility Upgrades		√
CTE Upgrades		



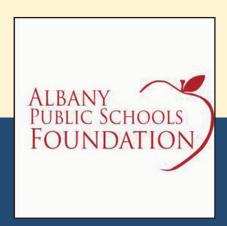
School/Project	Completed	Under Construction
Oak Elementary Critical Facility Upgrades	√	
Oak Grove Elementary Replacement School		√
Periwinkle Elementary Critical Facility Upgrades		√
South Albany High		
Addition		√
Critical Facility Upgrades		\downarrow
CTE Upgrades		lacksquare
South Shore Elementary Critical Facility Upgrades	√	
Sunrise Elementary Critical Facility Upgrades		√
Takena Elementary Critical Facility Upgrades	√	
Tangent Elementary Critical Facility Upgrades		$\sqrt{}$
Timber Ridge		
Critical Facility Upgrades	√	
CTE Upgrades	√	
Waverly Elementary Critical Facility Upgrades		√
West Albany High		
Addition		
Critical Facility Upgrades		√

APS Foundation

ALBANY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Total amount in scholarships and grants awarded from the Albany Public Schools Foundation.

\$261K



SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

For the 2018/19 School Year



- \$64K awarded in elementary encrichment grants.
- Sixty-six K-12 classrooms awarded over \$40K.
- **\$14K for Outdoor School supplies.**
- \$5.6K in grants given for Sources of Strength suicide prevention.

AWARDS



Crystal Apple

Anna Harryman was recognized with the Crystal Apple by the Albany Public Schools Foundation. She was instrumental in starting the Student Assistance Program, which provides help for our needy college bound graduates.

Recognizing Excellence

Every year in the fall and spring, GAPS recognizes outstanding students through our All Star Awards Ceremonies. Our fall ceremony celebrates students who have earned high scores on the SBAC assessment test, and in spring, our board members, principals, parents, teachers, and staff all gather to honor two students from each school who have demonstrated excellence as individuals.

We'd love to share the story of every student who has made us proud with their hard work and dedication, but here is a handful of examples of what our amazing students are achieving every day.

Over \$3.4 M!

Amount of scholarships awarded to our 2019 graduating seniors.



Future Chef

Hannah Stevens from Liberty Elementary placed top five nationally in the Sodexo Future Chef competition with her Guacamole Cones recipe.



Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Mikayla Chaffins from North Albany Elementary for winning first place at the county spelling bee. She went on to the State Championships.



All the Titles

Jenna is the first student athlete in the history of South Albany High School to win four state titles. Congratulations!



←This year's Albany Options graduating class was the largest ever. There were 75 students who graduated, as well as 45 students who completed their GED. 120 students met their education goals this year with Albany Options. Go Knights!

RECOGNIZING OUR STUDENTS

↑On the GAPS Overview page: The combined middle school bands played at the Performing Arts Center in Newport, OR, as part of the Oregon Music Educators Association District XI Band & Orchestra Festival.



←Hogwarts' Heroes, our NAMS 5th grade OBOB team, went to the State championships.







Robotics

GAPS FIRST LEGO® League Robotics Team #27006, the Fin-Tastic Fish, won first place championship honors at the 2018-19 State Robotics Championship Tournament.

AVID

Students in South Albany High School's AVID, a post secondary education readiness and graduation preparedness program, earned over 1.2M in scholarships and grants.

Lettering

Because this was South Albany High School's third year doing Unified Basketball, Raif Bartelds was able to earn a letterman's jacket.



←West Albany High School Wind Ensemble competed at the 2019 OSAA Band State Championships and took home the first place trophy.



RECOGNIZING OUR TEACHERS & SCHOOLS

GAPS is committed to attracting and retaining highly talented and diverse staff members to help support our incredible students. Many acheive state-wide and national recognition for their excellence.



Journalism

Trisha Farver at South Albany High School was named Oregon journalism teacher of the year.



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An Inspiration

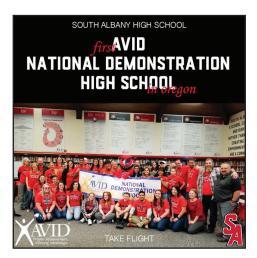
Dolly Victorine was voted the most inspirational teacher by the students at West Albany High School.

←South Shore Elementary School's musical programs are a fantastic way to keep kids engaged and build relationships between the staff and the communities they serve.



Presidential

Melissa Straughan from Waverly Elementary won the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST).



←South Albany High School Named First AVID National Demonstration High School in Oregon. Go RedHawks!

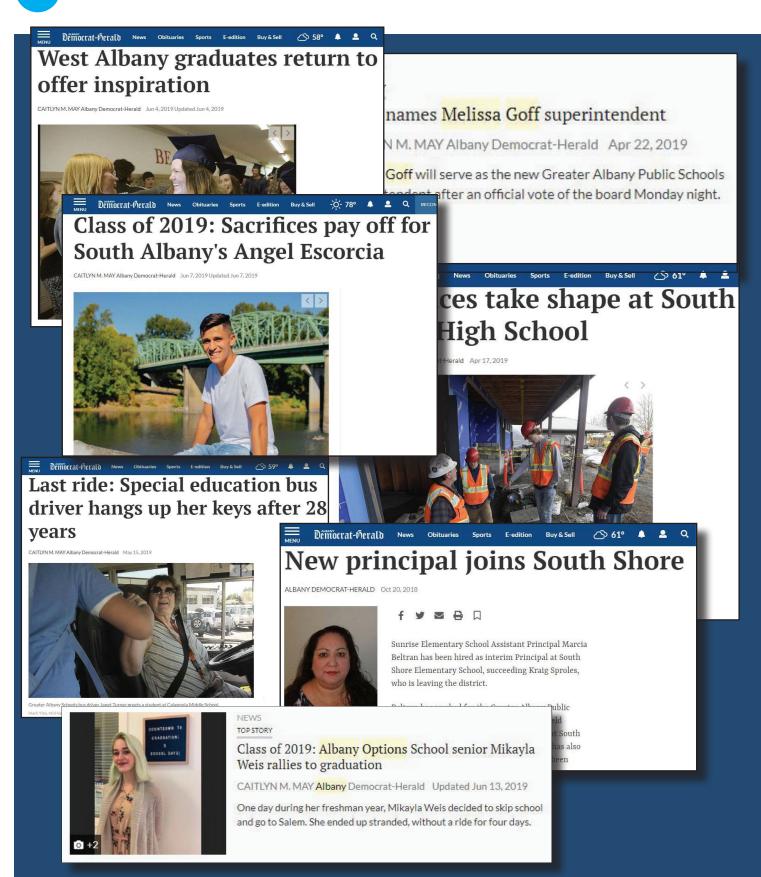
On April 30th, 2019, South Albany High School became certified as the first national AVID demonstration high school in Oregon.

AVID has created opportunities and development for SAHS students, and has permanently changed the culture of their school.

Ben Sell, the district AVID coordinator, teared up as he spoke to the crowd. "This was a true school honor and a major school-wide effort. Many of you are living this [AVID culture] every day."

Jeff Brew, the district's secondary education director, added, "That's a gift that goes on for generations."

In the News



Newsletters

January 2019. **GAPS** implemented its first monthly newsletter to the community, in English and Spanish, which was distributed via school messenger and is archived on the website. Printed copies were also supplied to schools and departments for staff and parents.

An e-newsletter was created from the print version, to reach those who do not visit schools regularly and aren't on any of our email lists. Interested community members can subscribe to it on our website under About > Community > **Community Newsletter.**



May 6th: All Star Awards

May 27th: No School (Memorial D

GAPS Core Purpose

cate and inspire all students to

their full potential, equipped to be po contributing members to society



Career Technical Education and the Graduation Rate Connection

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) at Greater Albany Public Schools helps expose students to potential career paths and provides them with the academic and technical skills necessary to succeed in future careers. CTE can encompass everything from welding and woodworking to healthcare, digital design, and culinary arts.

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he kev to the effectiveness of CTE is how it crees a connection from real-world occupations to ducational institution learning. The Oregon De-artment of Education (ODE) has shown students re more likely to graduate if they participate in a

or CTE concentrators in Oregon was 85.7%; for all audents it was 76.4%."

APS prioritizes CTE programs for our students nd our graduation rates continue to climb; last ar's growth in 4-year cohort graduation rates or the district was 2.34%; our growth over five

tting students involved in CTE starts young etting students involved in CTE starts young, or our elementary and middle school students, bhotics clubs teach members to build code to hake objects such as traffic lights, LED reader oards, alarm systems, and drawing bots. In com-lettions, kids learn high-tech skills to apply to mibitious real-vorld projects, often working with sperts in many fields, including members from ASA. Our teams regularly win first place awards by their innovative designs and teamwork.

order to foster this type of learning, part of he construction bond funds are being used to mprove middle school CTE spaces, which include emodeling existing classrooms to create maker, igital, and culinary labs. South Albany High School has consulted local businesses to help align specific skills students will need to enter the workforce with their educa tional programs, and bond funds are being used to provide South with cutting edge technology.

The groundbreaking ceremony on South's new multi-purpose/auxiliary gym took place December 21st of last year. The bond project will include the development of two career technical classrooms, a lobby, concessions, an elevator addition, and a restroom expansion. Critical facility updates include improved safety through fencing and keyscan systems, as well as the remodeling of several

In January, a temporary shelter was made so the gym could continue being used during construction, and the foundation was prepared for the two new classrooms. Once underground utilities are resolved around the auxillary gyn, the building pad will be completed and under slab utilities will be installed.

"We as a staff are excited about the renovations and additions," says South Albany High School's principal, Nate Munoz. "The CTE buildings and theater allow us to grow and support more students in these areas."

The gym will be large enough to serve as a multi-purpose learning environment for STEM education. Principal Munoz is also prased the building will be eye-catching and provide excelent "curb appeal".

At West Albany High School, all freshmen start in what they call the 'Freshmen Wheel', a program where every six weeks freshmen explore differwhere every six weeks freshmen explore different disciplines in career technical education.

Linden Loren is a Health Services CTE teacher at West. For his portion of the Freshmen Wheel, he gives students an introduction into health occu-pations consisting of parious to pick such as health pations consisting of various topics such as health basics, statistics, and careers.

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"I get them for six weeks and use different teaching strategies to keep them engaged. The idea is if they are interested in this pathway, I can direct them to the appropriate path for specific classes at West geared towards their future in the health care world."

Loren has also created a new class based on his research. "It's a human potential class, based on nutrigenomics and exercise physiology." He saw a need for a class that could reveal to students the factors influencing gene expression when he noticed many students getting only five hours of sleep, suffering from frequent illnesses, and having to take excessive medications.

"My goal is to educate students on how they can change specific variables to turn genes on or off in regards to overall health." 0



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(Día de los Presidentes) (Vacaciones de primavera)

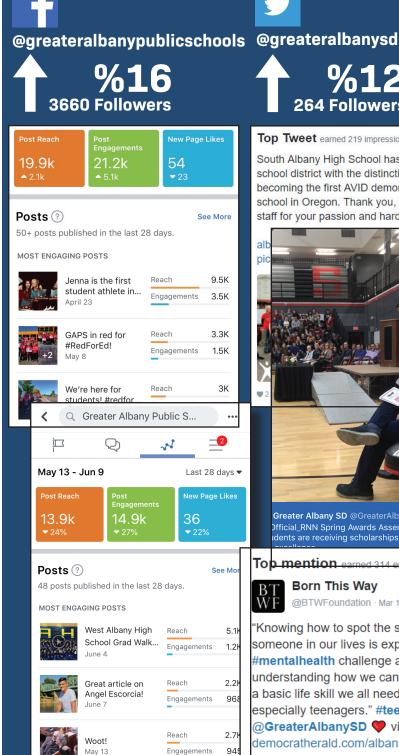
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Students Take SAHS Tour

Construction workers led the students to the existing structure where the auxiliary gym will be attached, and to the two CTE classrooms being added to what used to be the old auto shop.

Social Media



Facebook

Twitter



Top Tweet earned 219 impressions

South Albany High School has honored our school district with the distinction of becoming the first AVID demonstration high school in Oregon. Thank you, students and staff for your passion and hard work!

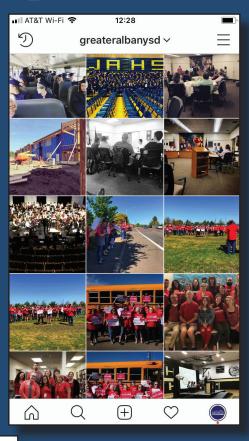




Official_RNN Spring Awards Assembly, where idents are receiving scholarships and awards Instagram



@greateralbanysd



Top mention e



Born This Way

@BTWFoundation · Mar 15

"Knowing how to spot the signs that someone in our lives is experiencing a #mentalhealth challenge and understanding how we can support them is a basic life skill we all need to have especially teenagers." #teenMHFA at @GreaterAlbanySD ♥ via @dhnews democratherald.com/albany/south-a...

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←South Albany HS selected by Lady Gaga's Born This Way Foundation to be one of twenty high schools in the USA to implement the teen Mental Health First Aid program, which will empower youth in crisis.

For the 2018/19 School Year





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