

Notice of Measure Election

District

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Notice			
Date of Notice	Name of District OREGON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 62	Name of County or Counties CLACKAMAS	Date of Election NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the district's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.
 Bonds increasing safety, security; expanding career education; repairing, updating facilities

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.
 Shall District increase safety; repair, update elementary schools; address overcrowding; expand career education facilities; issue \$163,000,000 in bonds; audits required? If the Bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

This measure is third phase of facility improvement plan for Oregon City School District. Phase 1 replaced Oregon City High; Phase 2 improved middle schools. This phase updates decades-old elementary schools. Requires community bond oversight committee, regular audits. District will receive \$6 million State matching grant only if bonds are approved. Bonds would finance capital costs, including:
 Improving Elementary Schools:
 • Safe, Secure & Accessible Schools:
 o Access controls
 o Lighting upgrades
 o Asbestos abatement
 o Security fencing
 o Accessibility and restroom upgrades
 • Updating Aging Buildings, Preserving Facilities
 o Replace roofs, plumbing, flooring, windows
 o Update electrical, HVAC systems
 o Energy efficient lighting
 • Relieving Crowded Spaces, Expanding Opportunity
 o Update classrooms, common areas, special education spaces
 o Family resource centers
 o Expand outdoor learning areas
 • Updated Career Technical Education classrooms at OCHS
 • Fields and grounds improvements, parking lots, demolition, furnishings, equipment, bond issuance costs

Bonds may be issued in multiple series, maturing within 25 years from issuance. Estimated annual increase in property tax levy rate is \$1.20 per \$1,000 assessed property value. Actual levy rates may differ due to final interest rates and changes in assessed values.

Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.
 If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:
 → any measure referred by the district elections authority; **or**
 → any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached? Yes No

Authorized District Official Not required to be notarized.

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By signing this document:
 → I hereby state that I am authorized by the district elections authority to submit this Notice of Measure Election; **and**
 → I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.

REDACTED SIGNATURE


8/6/24

Signature **Date Signed**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
OREGON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
CLACKAMAS COUNTY, OREGON**

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: (500 WORD LIMIT Current Count 477)

The Oregon City School District serves over 700 students at schools across Oregon City, Beavercreek, Redland, and Jennings Lodge.

STEP THREE OF A THREE-PHASE PLAN

In 2003 Oregon City School District began a three phase bond approach to update and modernize its schools; making buildings safe and accessible.

- The 2003 school bond created a new high school for our community.
- The 2018 bond renovated and modernized two middle schools and funded critical security updates in every school in the district.
 - All 2018 bond projects were completed on time and on budget.
- The third phase of this capital improvement plan is this proposed bond measure which makes improvements to the district's elementary schools for the district's youngest learners.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT CONDITION OF THE OREGON CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS?

- **The average age of the six elementary schools is 62 years** and the two oldest schools are 76 years old. **These schools have not been updated since they were originally built.**
- A facilities condition report was conducted on these schools and three areas of concern were identified:
 - **Failing Building Systems:** While well maintained, all buildings deteriorate over time and Oregon City Elementary Schools are no different. These 60 plus year old schools have basic building systems like plumbing and heating that are original to the school. All classrooms lack air conditioning which has significant impacts student learning.

- **Safety, Security And Accessibility Concerns:** All of the elementary campuses need important safety and security improvements in order to keep students and staff safe.
- **Crowded Schools, Outdated Learning Spaces:** All elementary schools have the same layout and spaces from the day they were built. These outdated buildings are crowded and lack the necessary space for today's education. Career and Technical Education programs at Oregon City High School need improvements as well.

HOW WOULD THIS PROPOSED MEASURE ADDRESS THESE CONDITIONS?

Make Our Elementary Schools Safe, Secure, and Accessible

- Access controls
- Lighting upgrades
- Asbestos abatement
- Security fencing
- Accessibility and restroom upgrades

Repair and Update Aging School Buildings

- Replace roofs, plumbing, flooring, windows
- Update electrical, HVAC systems
- Energy efficient lighting

Relieve Crowded Spaces, Expand Student Opportunities

- Update classrooms, common areas, special education spaces
- Family resource centers
- Expand outdoor learning areas

Updated Career Technical Education classrooms at OCHS

CITIZEN OVERSIGHT FOR BOND EXPENDITURES

After voters passed the 2018 bond supporting our middle schools, the district established an independent citizen oversight committee to monitor spending and increase transparency. That committee will be brought back to oversee this bond should it pass.

BOND FUNDS CAN ONLY BE USED FOR VOTER-APPROVED PROJECTS

Law requires bond funds be used for projects described in the ballot.

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