



## WSD Bond Update

Last May, the Woodburn community approved a \$65 million bond to invest in major maintenance and repairs for schools, improve safety and technology, and add classroom space. Since then the proposed projects have been scheduled on a 5-year timeline for completion.

Laws governing bond expenditures require five percent of the funds to be spent within six months of when the bonds are issued. Spending \$3.25 million is difficult during the planning phase compared to actual construction. To help meet this requirement, a vacant medical office building was purchased as planned to provide space for the Welcome Center, district offices and access to a new facility for Success High School. This renovation project could begin right away because it would not interrupt student learning during the school year.

In addition to meeting the five percent bond requirement in January, permits were received for the Welcome Center building and district offices. Foundation work is underway in the building to prepare it for renovation. Next month, framing of interior walls and replacing the roof will begin.

We also made significant progress on planning for the site of the new Success High School. We established site utility requirements, as well as access for emergency vehicles. Triplett-Wellman Contractors, based in Woodburn, was hired as the Construction Manager/General Contractor. Next month, project managers will begin working with the City of Woodburn Planning Department and start a geotechnical investigation of the site. The creation of a schematic design – plans that contractors can follow to build the facility – will begin. Once the design is complete, the project will be estimated and the schedule for completion developed.

In January, floor plans for the Washington Elementary expansion project were submitted to the City of Woodburn for approval and permitting. District and administration staff worked with project managers to represent the needs of students for the layout of additional classrooms, the new gymnasium and media center. An RFP for the Construction Manager/General Contractor services will be issued soon.

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