



WSD Bond: Year End Recap with a Glance at What's Ahead

Since the Woodburn community approved a \$65 million bond in May - to invest in major maintenance and repairs for schools, improving safety and technology, and adding classroom space - we've been busy putting plans into action.

In July the Woodburn School District grossed \$72 million during its bond issue, or \$9.6 million more than expected. This premium was attributed to Moody's Investors Service assigning the Woodburn School District a favorable A1 rating. While this does not increase the amount paid by taxpayers, it could allow us to complete other needed projects in our schools. In July, we also hired J.J. Henri Company, a construction management firm to oversee the bond-funded projects.

A Bond Advisory and Accountability Committee was formed in August to monitor the progress of bond projects and provide regular updates to the school board and community. The committee supports the district's goals of accountability and transparency. Its first meeting was on October 22 and it will meet quarterly going forward. The public is welcome to attend these meetings.

A property acquisition also was completed in August. Laws governing bond expenditures require five percent of the funds to be spent within six months of when the bonds are issued. To 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.

The Welcome Center is underway as the first project because it's possible to do without disrupting student learning. Currently, the two-story building is being prepped for remodel by removing interior walls and clearing everything out. Workers are salvaging all cabinetry and doors that can be reused and are storing them on site. The remodel is expected to be completed in the spring.

On the future site of Success High School, survey flags began to appear in November and there is more work going on behind the scenes. Checking permits and codes, site planning, determining the building location and access must happen first. Then the architectural team will develop a specific design for the site. Planning will continue through the winter months with site development beginning in the spring. The foundation is expected to be completed next summer and construction is expected to be complete in spring 2017.

We are in the planning phase to add space for 400 students at Washington Elementary. Staff has met with Soderstrom Architects to determine specific student needs for the annex. The firm will create technical drawings before the site is developed.

The Capital Improvements Bond Schedule on the Bond Updates page of our website

(www.woodburnsd.org) provides a comprehensive timeline for all schools.

*Prep for remodel of
the new Welcome
Center*



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