



**DIVERSE IN CULTURE
UNIFIED IN MISSION**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: June 11, 2015
CONTACT: Superintendent Chuck Ransom, Woodburn School District
(503) 981-2727 cransom@woodburnsd.org

Woodburn School Board prepares to issue bonds

Superintendent says timeline is “an important accountability tool”

[Woodburn, Ore.] –The Woodburn School Board approved a timeline for activities related to issuing bonds that were approved by voters in the May 19 Primary Election. The bond will raise \$65 million for major repairs, technology and safety improvements as well as more space for students in school buildings.

“This timeline is an important accountability tool for our community,” said Superintendent Chuck Ransom. “It shows our taxpayers what the school district will be doing prior to construction projects starting.”

The first step is for the bonds to be sold to fund construction and improvement projects. This is anticipated to be complete by the first week of August. Between now and then, the school district will hire a project manager to develop and manage timelines related to bond projects. The school district also will issue a Request for Proposals (commonly referred to as a “RFP”) for an architectural firm to design the safety upgrades and new space to be added to each facility.

By the end of August, the Woodburn School Board will appoint a Bond Community Involvement (BCI) Committee. The BCI will serve in an advisory capacity to the school board and make recommendations about bond projects and facility improvements. The first meeting of the BCI is scheduled for August 31, 2015. The BCI and school district personnel will spend the month of September reviewing a three-year schedule for projects to be completed as a result of bond funding and share this information with the Woodburn community in October.

The school district will continue to share information about the progress of projects through its web site (www.woodburnsd.org/bond-measure-information), quarterly newsletter, and regular media releases. There is also an active Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WSD103, which community members are encouraged to “Like” in order to receive updates.

The Woodburn School District provides a world class education to more than 5,700 students. Woodburn has rigorous academic programs such as all-day kindergarten, dual language programs in English and Russian or Spanish, Advanced Placement, and the International Baccalaureate Diploma. Woodburn is in the top 10 percent for graduation rates in Oregon; tied for 1st in graduating students with English as a second language; and, 4th for students from low income households. For more information about Woodburn School District, visit www.woodburnsd.org.

###

**965 NORTH BOONES FERRY ROAD WOODBURN, OR 97071-9674
(503) 981-9555 www.woodburnsd.org**