



Franklin High School

School Building Improvement Bond Project

Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the School Building Improvement Bond?

In November 2012, Portland voters approved an 8-year, \$482 million school building improvement bond by a two-thirds majority. Based on a citizen-developed and prioritized plan, the bond will fully modernize three high schools and replace one K-8 school. It will also replace roofs, and improve seismic safety, access, and grade 6th-8th science classrooms at up to 63 other schools.

What has been done so far on the Franklin Project?

We have completed the Master Plan, Schematic Design and Design Development phases that included a large number of public outreach and engagement events. These included fourteen Design Advisory Group (DAG) meetings, three Public Design Workshops, two Design Open Houses, three adjacent neighborhood meetings, and over forty parent-focused and neighborhood group meetings and events.

The Franklin Master Plan was approved by the School Board on 12/16/13 and the Schematic Design was approved on 6/2/14. Master Planning created the vision and primary concepts for the project and Schematic Design further refined and defined appearance, materials, layout and costs. Design Development was completed in early 2015.

The award winning [DOWA-IBI Group/SERA Architects](#) is the project design team for the modernization of Franklin High School. They have extensive experience designing schools and strong focus on creating buildings that inspire our creativity and imagination [white maintaining historic integrity](#). [Skanska Construction](#) has been selected as the prime contractor for the modernization. Skanska also has extensive experience in school construction and have won many awards for their educational work.

Where are we in the process now?

We are now in the Construction Document Phase of the project. PPS is currently negotiating with the contractor for final pricing. A public Groundbreaking Ceremony will occur on May 16, 2015 with construction commencing in June 2015.

What are the highlights of the new design?

- The plan blends its century old history with new, innovative facilities to prepare students to face the challenges of the future.

- A new fine and performing Arts Center will be the beacon of the modernized campus at the intersection of Woodward and 52nd.
- A dynamic, two-story entry lobby in the historic main building provides students and the community a space to gather, work and learn.
- A few of the Career Pathways for which spaces have been created are: STEM, Industrial Arts, Health Science/Biomedical, Culinary Arts & Law/Constitution
- A 90 degree realignment of the track and field to accommodate new athletic / gym and educational facility.
- Repurposing the existing auditorium as the new Media Center to allow this majestic space to continue to serve the Franklin community.

Where will Franklin students attend school during the two-year construction period?

The entire Franklin High School community will relocate to the Marshall High School campus (3905 SE 91st) from the beginning of the 2015-16 school year until the end of 2016-17 school year. The buildings will be different but Franklin High will remain intact at this new location. Students are expected to return to the newly modernized Franklin High School for fall 2017 classes. For more information please [Read the Franklin to Marshall Family Advisory Español](#) | [Tiếng Việt](#) | [中文](#) | [Русский](#) | [Soomaaliga](#)

Tours of Marshall Campus

For those who are interested, tours of the remodeled Marshall campus will be offered on March 7, 2015. Details will be shared at The Franklin Bond website; <http://FranklinBond.pps.net>, the Franklin School website; <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/franklin/> and the Franklin High School and Franklin PTSA Facebook pages.

How will students get to the Marshall Campus?

Franklin students will be able to use both private and free public transportation to reach the Marshall campus at 3905 SE 91st Ave. Portland Public Schools does not provide regular yellow school bus service to high schools in the District. However all Franklin students are eligible for a free Portland Public Schools High School Student Transit Pass. To learn more about bus routes for your trip to the Marshall Campus check out the TriMet schedule page:

<http://trimet.org/schedules/index.htm> or, if you're looking for the right Trimet app for your mobile device, go here: <http://trimet.org/apps/index.htm>

The Student Transit Pass program is a partnership among TriMet, the school district and the City of Portland.

All special education students currently receiving PPS transportation will continue to do so. Yellow bus service for special education students will not change simply due to a change in school location. If your student is eligible now, they will still be eligible unless the IEP team makes a service change.

What is being done to prepare Marshall High School for fall of 2015?

Marshall is also being renovated and updated to accommodate the educational and safety needs of Franklin High School staff and student population. The work that will be done to accommodate the needs of the staff and students includes; fire alarm and IT system updates, roof repairs, classroom modifications as needed, and accessibility improvements.

How do community members, teachers and families have input on how Franklin High School is being designed?

Franklin High School is being designed through a community process, including input from teachers and school staff, as well as students, families, neighbors, and service providers.

Although the school district has common educational goals and design guidelines, each school has a unique community. Particular factors might include: partnership opportunities, services to be offered to students, historical significance of the building and community use of the school facilities.

A Design Advisory Group (DAG) was formed for the Franklin High School full modernization project. The Design Advisory Group consists of parents, teachers, students, service providers, and the community. The DAG is engaged in master planning and design through design development providing feedback to the design team and facilitating outreach to the broader community.

In addition to the DAG, the Franklin High school staff working in the building – including principals, teachers, aides, secretaries, nutrition workers and custodians – are a targeted resource to the design process. They provide the design team with unique insights since they know the operations of the school, the students who learn there and the opportunities that exist for improvement.

How do design workshops offer community members an opportunity for input?

Both Master Planning and Schematic Design workshops were held at both Franklin High and at Tabor Space in the Franklin community. These workshops were followed by Open Houses at Franklin where the preferred master and schematic design plans were informally presented to the community. These open meetings gave members of the community an opportunity to directly engage with the Design Team in defining a collective vision for their school.

People were able to share their thoughts and ideas on: What should the future Franklin look and feel like? What parts of the building and campus work well? What parts don't? How can Franklin better support its students and families? These sessions were designed to allow everyone to equally contribute their unique perspectives, priorities, ideas and comments.

Why are PPS and the City collaborating on student transportation projects at bond schools?

Many public and private improvement projects include requirements to construct related transportation improvements as a part of the work. PPS and the City have agreed the City will design and construct any required transportation projects in the City's right-of-way. PPS provided \$5 million in bond funds to the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) as the total cost of PPS' commitment for these projects. Our agreement prioritizes student transportation safety projects required as conditions of permit approvals associated with schools receiving full modernization (Franklin, Grant and Roosevelt High Schools) or replacement (Faubion PreK -8) Other summer improvement project school sites may also be included, as funds allow, to receive transportation improvements that support safe walking and biking to school.

How was Franklin High School chosen for modernization?

The Long-Range Facilities Plan states that Portland Public Schools should create effective, accessible and inclusive learning environments that help all students achieve. The entire committee agreed that a series of capital bonds over several decades would be required in order to renovate or replace school facilities district-wide.

Franklin, Grant and Roosevelt high schools were chosen for modernization because they reflect public input that prioritized comprehensive high schools in poor seismic condition with major accessibility deficiencies and high free and reduced lunch populations.

What is a full modernization?

Full modernization addresses all of the deficient systems and significantly renovates a school.

It includes building changes that create flexible spaces for teaching and learning, and other improvements that support student achievement.

It is cost effective. For example, the estimated square foot cost of seismic upgrades is reduced by approximately 50% when completed as part of the major renovation.

Why would some school buildings be modernized rather than replaced?

The decision to fully modernize or completely replace a school building depends on its age, historic significance, condition, deficiencies and size and programmatic space needs.

PPS has many historic neighborhood schools. Historic buildings are being renovated through the School Building Improvement Bond in a way that is consistent with the building's historical

designations and building components, while providing up-to-date teaching and learning environments and more durable, sustainable finishes. Teachers, staff and families are involved in planning to help preserve the unique aspects of each school and its integration into the surrounding community.

How do I learn more about the project? And what can I do to help?

For more information please join our mailing list email: FHSMod@pps.net. Visit our Bond Program website for information about all our projects. For specific Franklin project information visit the [Franklin Modernization website](#). You may also call the Office of School Modernization at 503-916-2222. You can help by informing your friends and neighbors about the project and referring them to the Franklin Modernization website for the latest information and updates.