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# S Preferred School Construction Bond Proposal

A citizens' advisory group has concluded that extensive work is needed to bring PPS school buildings up to modern safety and learning standards. (This group included parents, teachers, business and community leaders, including construction experts.) Based on community input, the Portland School Board is considering this school construction bond proposal to launch a long-term plan to modernize schools. (This option addresses specific school upgrade priorities which were determined through community input.)

### High School, Seismic & Access • \$1.10 per \$1000 of assessed value **Educational Facility Improvements** Improve grades 6-8 science classrooms with sinks and electrical outlets at as many as 39 schools. \$5 million Seismic and other building improvements Seismic strengthening at as many as 26 schools. Replace and seismically brace roofs at as many as 14 schools. Replace roofs at as many as 8 schools. Improve accessibility to educational programs at as many as 33 schools. \$69.5 million **Full modernizations or replacement** These schools are identified as potential modernizations or replacement: • High schools with high seismic risk. • High schools with major access upgrades needed. \$278 million • Faubion = capital partnership with Concordia University. 3 high schools..... Franklin Roosevelt Grant \$95 million \$85 million \$70 million Faubion \$28 million **Debt repayment** Rosa Parks K-8. Boiler conversions, prior roof replacements and other financed capital projects. \$45 million **Program costs** Required reserves, materials and labor cost escalation, bond issuance costs and improvements and transportation to buildings where students attend school while their school is renovated. Master planning for 6 high schools (\$1.5 million). \$84.5 million

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### \$482 million Total Bond Program

Estimated rate: \$1.10/\$1,000 of assessed value over 8 years, \$0.30 over an additional 12 years.

### **Preferred Bond Proposal in Detail**

#### Why is PPS considering a school construction bond?

Nearly all PPS school buildings are **aging and worn out.** Roofs and pipes are leaking, electrical systems are inadequate for today's technology, classrooms lack accessibility and earthquake resistance is far below current seismic safety standards. Schools also need **more up-to-date classrooms**— from science labs to media centers to smaller breakout spaces for effective teaching and learning.

A bond measure would allow the district to **remedy building deficiencies** and to **modernize learning environments** to support student achievement and prepare students to compete in the 21st century.

# Can a school construction bond also pay for teachers and operational support?

No. A school construction bond can only be used for **major renovations** or **replacement of school buildings.** The last PPS construction bond was passed by voters in 1995 and funding expired in 2003.

#### What building problems would this bond proposal address?

School bonds typically pay for a blend of **full rebuilds** of some schools and **targeted improvements** at others.

What are full rebuilds ? Full rebuilds modernize learning spaces and address all deficient systems by rebuilding a school. This is the most cost-effective way to improve most PPS schools, due to age and condition.

Why are some schools recommended for rebuilding? A citizens committee recommended that Portland engage in a series of school construction bonds to **upgrade all PPS** schools over 30 years. This \$482 million bond proposal would start that work. The tax rate is estimated to be \$1.10/\$1,000 Assessed Value. The rate would be split between \$1.10 paid over 8 years and .30 cents paid over an additional 12 years.

Schools proposed for this first phase of rebuilding meet these criteria:

- High schools at high seismic risk and in need of major access upgrades: Grant, Franklin and Roosevelt are all high seismic risk high schools and all need significant accessibility upgrades.
- **Partnership:** Faubion K-8 leverages a major capital partnership with Concordia University.

**How were these criteria chosen?** Criteria were reviewed and narrowed by a citizens committee, followed by input from community meetings and an online survey.

What are targeted educational and facilities improvements? Targeted improvements would address classroom, seismic, roof and ADA deficiencies in schools that would not be rebuilt in this bond.

# What schools would receive targeted educational and facilities improvements?

È	Educational Facility Improvements Schools being considered for improvements:
Science labs at as many as 39 schools	<b>Science labs</b> (Sinks and electrical upgrades for grade 6-8 science classes) at:
	Beaumont MS •Da Vinci MS •George MS •Gray MS •Hosford MS •Jackson MS •Lane MS •Mt Tabor MS •Sellwood MS •West Sylvan MS •Arleta K-8 • Astor K-8 •Beach PK-8 •Beverly Cleary K-8 •Boise- Eliot K-8 •Bridger K-8 •Cesar Chavez K-8 •CSS K-8 •Creston K-8 •Harrison Park K-8 •Hayhurst K-8 • Irvington K-8 •Laurelhurst K-8 •King K-8 •Lee K-8 • Lent K-8 •MLC K-12 •Ockley Green K-8 •Peninsula K-8 •Rigler K-6 •Roseway Heights K-8 •Sabin K-8 •Scott K-8 •Skyline K-8 •Sunnyside K-8 •Vernon K-8 •Vestal K-8 •Winterhaven K-8 •Woodlawn K-8
~	Physical Facility improvements Schools being considered for improvements:
Seismic strengthening at as many as 26 schools	Abernethy K-5•Ainsworth K-5•Alameda K-5• Arleta K-8•Beach K-8•Beaumont MS•Benson HS•Beverly Cleary K-8•Boise Eliot PK-8• Buckman K-5•Chief Joseph K-8•Cleveland HS• Creative Science K-8•Creston K-8•Duniway K-5 •Grout K-8•Hayhurst K-5•Hosford MS•Jackson MS•James John K-5•Jefferson HS•Lane MS• Llewellyn K-5•MLC K-12•Sabin PK-8•Woodlawn PK-8
Roof replacement/ seismic bracing at as many as 14 schools	Abernethy K-5•Ainsworth K-5•Alameda K-5• Arleta K-8•Beverly Cleary K-8•Boise Eliot PK-8• Buckman K-5•Cleveland HS•Creative Science K-8•Creston K-8•Hayhurst K-5•Hosford MS• James John K-5•Sabin PK-8
Roof replacement at as many as 8 schools	Bridlemile K-5•Jackson MS•Laurelhurst K-8• Lewis K-5•Maplewood K-5•Sellwood MS• Stephenson K-5•Wilson HS
Improve accessibility to educational programs at as many as 33 schools	Ainsworth K-5 •Arleta K-8 •Beach K-8 •Benson HS •Buckman K-5 •Cesar Chavez K-8 •Cleveland HS •Harrison Park K-8 •Holladay Annex • Holladay Center •Hosford MS •James John K-5 •Jefferson HS •King K-8 •Lane MS •Lent K-8 Lincoln HS •Madison HS •Markham K-5 •Meek HS •MLC K-12 •Ockley Green K-8 •Peninsula K-8 •Richmond PK-5 •Rigler K-8 •Sabin PK-8 •Scott K-8 •Sunnyside K-8 •Vestal K-8 •West Sylvan MS • Wilson HS •Winterhaven K-8 •Woodlawn PK-8

#### How can I have input on this proposal?

Take an online survey at *www.pps.net*, or email *schoolmodernization@pps.net*. The school board will hold public hearings on June 28 and July 9. Your testimony is welcome. If you have questions call 503-916-3817. To talk with a Spanish-speaking staff member, call 503-916-3582. (Para hablar con personal en Español llame al 503-916-3582.)