

Proposed Health, Safety and Modernization Bond



 $oldsymbol{)}$ ortland Public Schools (PPS) is the largest school district in Oregon, with over 90 school sites and 48,500 students. PPS' buildings average 77 years old-many are over 100 years old.

Aging schools need repair and upgrades to provide students with modern learning environments and to address unsafe conditions. Lead testing in 2016 showed most schools had cold water fixtures testing above the EPA action level. Many roofs are beyond their useful life and some leak frequently. Fire alarm and sprinkler systems at most schools are inadequate.

PPS has adopted a Long-Range Facilities Plan to modernize and improve schools districtwide through a series of capital construction bonds. In 2012, voters approved a \$482 million bond, funding:

- Modernization of Franklin, Grant, and Roosevelt High Schools, and Faubion PreK-8;
- Projects at 52 additional schools—upgraded science classrooms, new roofs, improved accessibility and seismic improvements; and
- Planning for upgrade of all high schools.

In 2017, PPS convened a Bond Stakeholder Advisory Group (BSAG) to evaluate needs for the next proposed bond, slated for the May 16, 2017 ballot. The BSAG recommended, and community feedback affirmed, a proposed bond that, if passed, would fund modernization of Benson, Lincoln, and Madison High Schools and Kellogg Middle School, and at least \$150 million in health and safety projects at schools across the district.

If passed, what would the proposed bond do?

The \$790,000,000 proposed bond would fund renovations and additions at Benson and Madison High Schools, and full rebuilds of Lincoln High School and Kellogg Middle School. Approximately 30% of the budgets for these projects comprehensively address health and safety issues, including lead and asbestos abatement, roof repairs, seismic upgrades, and accessibility improvements in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If approved, the proposed May bond would also fund planning for upgrade of Cleveland, Jefferson, and Wilson High Schools.

Additionally, if the bond passes, at least \$150 million would fund district-wide health and safety projects, including:

- Replacing old pipes and fixtures to reduce lead, improve water quality, and reduce the need to use bottled water;
- · Removing or encapsulating exposed lead paint and asbestos;
- Upgrading fire alarm and/or sprinkler systems;
- Repairing or replacing leaking or deteriorating school roofs;
- Improving accessibility for people with disabilities;
- Improving building foundations and ventilation to decrease radon exposure; and
- Strengthening school safety and security.

If this measure is approved, PPS will also receive \$8 million in state capital matching funds, and the funds would be put toward additional health and safety investments. If the proposed bonds are not approved, funds will be awarded to another district.

If passed, what would the bond cost? -

The average levy rate for the proposed bond is estimated to be \$0.68 per \$1,000 of assessed value over 30 years. The levy rate is estimated to be \$1.40 per \$1,000 for the first four years, declining thereafter. For a house assessed at \$200,000 the initial annual cost would be about \$280. Overall average cost is \$136 annually. The total principal amount of bonds authorized by this measure cannot exceed \$790 million.

Accountability

As with the 2012 capital improvement bond, an independent group of citizens from the community will review quarterly reports and audits of how the bond dollars are being spent to provide accountability to the public until construction is complete.







Proposed Health, Safety & Modernization Bond: \$790 million

\$324 MILLION FOR HEALTH & SAFETY



Approximately 30% of modernization & rebuild budgets targeted to health & safety projects in all applicable categories

 Additional health & safety projects \$150 million 	Full rebuild
• Modernization & additions Benson\$202 million	Lincoln\$187 millior Kellogg\$45 millior
Madison	

PROPOSED \$150M OF ADDITIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY PROJECTS		
PROJECT CATEGORY	DOLLAR AMOUNT	SCHOOLS FUNDED
Water quality	\$28,492,000	Up to 90
Lead-based paint	\$16,623,936	Up to 88
⚠ Asbestos	\$12,000,000	Up to 48
Rn Radon	\$1,126,125	Up to 90
Fire alarm and/or sprinkler systems	\$25,849,990	Up to 16
Roofs	\$50,907,949	Up to 14
& Accessibility/ADA	\$10,000,000	Up to 9
Security systems	\$5,000,000	Up to 11

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