



# Proposed school construction bond on November ballot

Portland Public Schools is Oregon's largest school district with 78 schools and over 47,000 students. More than half the schools were built before 1940. Several are more than 100 years old. Only two were built in the last 30 years. A proposed \$482 million school construction bond that is on the November 2012 ballot would pay for school upgrades to:

- ▶ **Renovate Franklin, Grant and Roosevelt** high schools, and **replace Faubion** PreK-8 School. Begin planning for the upgrade of all high schools in coming years.
- ▶ Replace leaking, worn or deteriorating **roofs** at schools.
- ▶ **Reinforce schools** against earthquakes.
- ▶ **Repay loans** for nine roof replacements, 47 boiler conversions, and Rosa Parks K-5 School.
- ▶ **Increase access** to schools for people with disabilities.
- ▶ **Upgrade science classrooms** in middle grades.

### How did PPS decide which schools to upgrade with this bond?

A citizen-led committee developed a long-range plan for PPS buildings and identified priorities for school upgrades. The committee reviewed enrollment forecasts and the building conditions to rate which schools needed the most work.

Portland School Board members reviewed the facilities plan and input at public meetings and in surveys. They decided to focus on high schools, seismic upgrades, increased accessibility and existing partnerships that include capital funding commitments that leverage bond funds.

Franklin, Grant and Roosevelt high schools were chosen because they are rated in 'poor' seismic condition and require significant upgrades to increase handicapped access. At Faubion PreK-8 a partnership with Concordia University would provide capital funds to support replacement of the school.

### How much will the bond cost homeowners?

The cost of the bond to homeowners for the first eight years is estimated at \$1.10 per \$1,000 of assessed property value — dropping to about thirty cents per \$1,000 for an additional 12 years. For this measure, the cost for a house assessed at \$150,000 for property tax purposes would be about \$165 a year for eight years, then dropping to about \$45 per year for the remaining 12 years.

### Can the bond pay for more teachers?



Bond funds can only be spent on school building upgrades, renovations and replacements. They cannot be used to pay for teachers or educational programs.

### What kind of oversight will the bond have?

A Citizen Accountability Committee would oversee the PPS bond program. Bond projects and expenditures would be audited annually.

For more information go to: [www.pps.net/about-us/Bond.htm](http://www.pps.net/about-us/Bond.htm)

## Which schools would get roof, seismic, accessibility and/or lab upgrades?

 Educational Facility Improvements Schools being considered for improvements:	
<b>Science labs at as many as 39 schools</b>	<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:	
<b>Seismic strengthening at as many as 26 schools</b>	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
<b>Roof replacement/seismic bracing at as many as 14 schools</b>	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
<b>Roof replacement at as many as 8 schools</b>	Bridlemile K-5 • Jackson MS • Laurelhurst K-8 • Lewis K-5 • Maplewood K-5 • Sellwood MS • Stephenson K-5 • Wilson HS
<b>Improve accessibility to educational programs at as many as 33 schools</b>	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