



# May 2018 General Obligation Construction Bond

# Meeting Overview

- Current situation
- Why is a bond is needed?
- What are the facility needs?
- How were the needs determined?
- School Board's work on measure to date
- If approved, how would a bond benefit students?
- Table discussions
- Next steps

# Current Situation

- Last bond: 2008 – \$242.1 million
  - Almost ten years ago
  - Addressed deferred maintenance and crowding
  - Built three elementary schools and one middle school
- ORS 195.110 – Current Long Range Facilities Plan
- Growth since then – 1,745 students!
- Projections – 1,000 more students in 5 years



Enrollment projections predict almost 1,000 more students in our district in only five years.

1,000 students = 2 elementary schools

1,000 students = 1 middle school

# Current Situation

- If we do nothing... we'll be short over 2,200 seats in high schools **alone** in less than ten years if worn-out portables are removed and not replaced
- The list of facility improvements needed across the district is long



# Why is a bond needed?

- Because the total cost of all the needs far exceeds what the district can pay from the general operations budget.
- ORS 195.110

# What are the needs? Highlights:

- SPACE!
  - Additional and/or expanded classrooms and portable classrooms
  - Expanded core infrastructure (gyms, libraries, cafeterias, etc.)
  - Enhanced or expanded Career-Technical Education (Vocational Education) opportunities
  - Expanded and improved science classrooms



# What are the needs? Highlights:

- Safety and security improvements, including seismic strengthening
- Plan for future maintenance to protect community's investment
- Technology, ADA improvements increase equity





# How were facility needs determined?

## Long Range Facilities Plan:

- Past enrollment trends
- Future enrollment predictions from Portland State University's Population Research Center
- Improvements needed to support programs like science and special education
- Not a "wish list"

## Citizen's Facilities Task Force

**Total Plan cost = \$766 million**

**Community poll**



# School Board's work on a bond measure:

- Responded to community feedback about cost and **reduced the package size by about 19 percent** (nearly \$150 million)
- Discussing a base bond package of around **\$620 million**
- Estimated to increase property tax levy rate between \$1.28 and \$1.39 per thousand of assessed property value (Community poll shows support for increase from \$1.51 to \$2.50)
- Voted to put a general obligation bond on the May 2018 ballot, and is finalizing the package



# If approved, the bond would:

- Expand CTE programs in ALL high schools
- Add space to relieve overcrowding and address future enrollment growth
  - Classroom additions
  - Gym, library and cafeteria expansions/enhancements
  - Expand high schools to serve up to 2,200 students
  - Rebuild one elementary school, re-use current facility (saves leasing costs)
- Make seismic improvements at schools rated very high-risk
  - Upgrade the design standard of new additions to immediate re-occupancy

# If approved, the bond would:

- Construct science labs at middle and high schools
- Increase safety and security district-wide
  - Upgrade electronic badge access and intercom systems
  - Relocate or renovate front offices at 34 schools to improve ability to monitor who enters and exits the building
- Address equity issues across the district
  - Make CTE available to more students
  - Expand access to technology
  - Make science facilities equitable



# The School Board's work:

- The School Board will continue to work on finalizing the package
- On track to finalize in January

# Table discussions (30 minutes):

- Find your school principal or representative
- Look at concept maps and lists of potential projects
- Ask questions
- Give feedback on the sheets provided
- Given what you've heard tonight, what would you like the Board to know as they finalize the bond?

# What comes next:

- Attend a meeting in the new year to see updated concepts
- Remember to register to vote or update your registration if you have recently moved
- Last day to register to vote is April 23, 2018
- Election day is May 15, 2018