

Bond construction update

South Salem High School



2018 BOND PROGRAM

April 2021

Construction improvements funded by the 2018 bond will continue this spring at South Salem High School. Thanks to voters in Salem and Keizer, the bond will support all schools in the district with some level of improvement.

South is receiving more than \$84 million in expansions and improvements to help prepare for future enrollment growth, increase safety and security, enhance science education and career and technical (vocational) education program opportunities, increase support for special education and music and protect the public's investment in the school building.

Photo updates and construction progress:

Pence Construction and Todd Construction, the general contractors for South's construction project, are making great progress with the work. Track the progress of construction from start to finish and view photo updates of the new and renovated spaces by visiting South's photo gallery, available on the [district website](#).

Highlights of construction at South include:

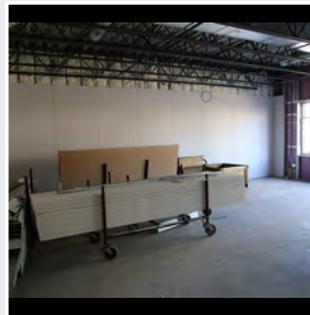
- 12 new classrooms
- Two new science labs
- Two expanded CTE program spaces – Culinary and Broadcast Journalism
- A new, state-of-the-art performing arts center including an auditorium and new music rooms



Caption: Inside the new choir and band rooms



Caption: New classroom wing



Caption: Inside a new classroom



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- Additional spaces to support special education
- A secured vestibule at the front entry
- Additional parking
- A new auxiliary gym
- A new fieldhouse and new tennis courts
- Seismic upgrades and more

Construction is expected to be substantially complete early in the fall of 2021.

The budget for work at South Salem was increased by a \$25 million allocation of contingency funds to address needs identified by the design team and district management who worked with architects to draft a revised schematic floor plan. The revisions included a new auxiliary gym to address deficiencies identified in the existing gyms, additional parking to alleviate pressure in the surrounding neighborhood, a field house to better support athletic programs, such as girls' softball, and an expanded auditorium to support the needs of the school programs and the entire Salem-Keizer community. Other items that significantly influenced the addition to the budget were costs of seismic work, market conditions and improvements required by the City of Salem. Finally, South also received \$2.5 million in grant funds to provide additional seismic upgrades.

More information about South's bond project and other construction projects in Salem-Keizer Public Schools can be found on the [Bond Projects home page](#).

