

Bond construction update

Stephens Middle School

April 2021

Voters passed a bond measure in 2018 to fund improvements for Salem-Keizer Public Schools. The bond will support some level of improvement at every school in the district. Stephens Middle School will receive nearly \$11 million in additions and renovations to help relieve overcrowding, prepare for future enrollment growth, enhance science education opportunities and increase safety and security.

Highlights of the work happening at Stephens include:

- A cafeteria expansion
- Four new classrooms
- Four new science labs
- Removal of all portable classrooms
- Library media center improvements
- Roofing improvements and more

BBL Architects and the district project management team are finished with the design process and have created the final drawings that a construction contractor will use to build and improve the spaces at our school. The district project management team is now working through the process to select a contractor for Stephens' construction project.

Construction is scheduled to begin this summer. As the time for construction approaches, you may notice staging activities for construction taking shape on campus, such as fencing or temporary traffic flow adjustments. Construction is expected to be substantially complete early in the fall of 2022.

Thanks to the community's support of the bond, Stephens will soon have improvements to support a safer learning environment, more space to support students and additional space to support science education!

A list of projects happening at Stephens can be found on the [district website](#). For more information about bond-funded construction in Salem-Keizer Public Schools, please visit www.salemkeizer.org/projects-status.



2018 BOND PROGRAM



EXPAND CTE & SCIENCE

Expand career-technical (vocational) and science education opportunities



RELIEVE OVERCROWDING

Add space to relieve overcrowding, prepare for future enrollment and expand core areas



INCREASE SAFETY & SECURITY

Secure school entries and upgrade electronic badge access systems; increase seismic safety



PROTECT PUBLIC INVESTMENT

Improve existing buildings to ensure longevity of past and present public investments