



November 2020

Dear Hawks family,

Over the summer, Highland Elementary School received some exciting building improvements funded by the 2018 construction bond. I'm happy to officially announce that construction is now complete!

Thanks to the support from our amazing community that approved the bond in 2018, over \$647,000 was invested in improvements at Highland. The improvements we received over the summer increase safety and security in the school and improve the music space.

Front Entry Renovations

Highland received renovations to the front office to increase visibility of the main entry. This is important for the safety of our students because we can now better monitor the front entrance and check visitors in before they have access to the rest of the school.

Site Drainage

Site drainage improvements also took place at the northeast corner of the building, reducing the water that pools along walking paths and in the parking lot.

Additional Improvements

Other improvements include acoustic upgrades in the gym, expanded wireless capacity, intercom system upgrades and badge access system upgrades to increase safety and security in the school. We also replaced the old portable classrooms with newer ones that provide a more comfortable learning environment.

It may seem strange to celebrate building improvements at a time when we can't welcome students physically back to school. When it's safe to be together again, these spaces will be ready and waiting for students. Until then, many spaces in our school can be used by teachers as they offer comprehensive distance learning. All of us at Highland are eager for the time when we can return to in-person learning!

More information about other schools that received or will receive improvements from the bond dollars can be found at www.salkeiz.k12.or.us/projects-status

Thank you so much for supporting our students! We will truly benefit from the improvements the bond has provided here at Highland.

Sincerely,
Principal Christi Cheever

