

# Bond construction update

## Stephens Middle School

### December 2020

Voters passed a bond measure in 2018 to fund improvements across the entire district, including at Stephens Middle School. Bond funding will support nearly \$11 million in renovations at Stephens to improve safety and security in the school, help relieve overcrowding and increase support for science education.

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 upgrades
- Roofing improvements
- Intercom system upgrades

The bond funding will support smaller additions and improvements in other areas as well.

The district's project management team, along with BBL Architects, is currently working through the last stages of the design process to create the final drawings construction contractors will use to improve and add spaces to the school.

Construction is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2021 and is expected to be completed early in the summer of 2022.

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

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 the [Bond Projects home page](#).



### 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