



Our Vision: All students graduate and are prepared for a successful life.

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Salem-Keizer Public Schools officially breaks ground for 2018 bond construction at Sprague High School

In May 2018, voters approved a \$619.7 million bond to fund improvements for Salem-Keizer schools

SALEM, Ore. – Today, supporters of Sprague High School, including local officials, school board members, community supporters and school staff, gathered to celebrate the ground breaking of the next comprehensive high school planned to begin construction improvements under the 2018 bond program.

Sprague High School is the fifth comprehensive high school planned for construction under the 2018 bond program. With a total project budget of more than \$42 million, Sprague High will be expanded to serve 2,200 students by adding 17 new general education classrooms, two new science labs, three expanded career-technical education program spaces, seismic improvements, safety and security improvements for the front entry and more. Construction is set to begin in the summer of 2021 and is scheduled to be substantially completed in the early fall of 2022.

“The list of improvements for Sprague is impressive and will address important safety upgrades, expand programs that prepare students for success after high school, provide needed classroom space, preserve the public’s investment in this facility, and so much more,” said Sprague Principal Chad Barkes. “We are so thankful for our amazing community for providing this bond, which will directly affect the education of thousands of Sprague students.”

“We’re so grateful to the Salem and Keizer communities for their commitment to providing safe, productive and modern learning spaces for our students,” said Superintendent Christy Perry. “Thanks to the support of our community, we are able to implement substantial changes to our district that will help reinforce the ultimate goal of preparing all students for a successful life after graduation.”

For more information on the status of projects funded by the 2018 bond, please visit the [Bond Program page](#) on the district website.

Watch the full video of the groundbreaking, including speeches by Sprague High School students Korben and Paige, on the [Salem-Keizer Public Schools YouTube Channel](#).

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Led by Superintendent Christy Perry, Salem-Keizer School District 24J is the second-largest school district in the state of Oregon. Nearly 5,000 employees serve more than 41,000 students in 65 schools in the cities of Salem and Keizer.