



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 West Salem High School**

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

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

With a total project budget of about \$34 million, West Salem High will be expanded to serve 2,100 students by adding 20 new general education classrooms, two new science labs, two expanded career-technical education program spaces, an expanded commons, spaces to support special education, 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 West Salem will address important safety upgrades, expand programs that will prepare our students for success after high school, provide needed classroom space, preserve the public’s investment in this facility, and so much more,” said incoming WSHS principal Carlos Ruiz. “These improvements are possible for current and future generations of West students thanks to the community’s support of the bond.”

“We couldn’t be more excited for the improvements planned for our schools,” said Superintendent Christy Perry. “Thanks to the support of our community, we are able to implement substantial improvements to the learning environment in 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 a bond project or other projects funded by the 2018 bond program, please visit the [Bond Program page](#) on the district website.

Watch the full video of the groundbreaking, including speeches by West Salem High School students Osmar and Denisa, 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.*