

4J Bond Measure Community Input – August 2018

Welcome!

In Eugene School District 4J, we're planning for the future. Our school buildings are aging. So are technology, curriculum and other materials. Our community's educational needs are changing, to help students graduate ready for college and the careers of the future.

The 4J school board is considering asking voters to approve a bond measure on the November 2018 ballot, to continue implementing the long-range facilities plan to improve our aging school buildings, modernize school technology and curriculum, and make other improvements across the district.

The potential bond measure has been planned for several years and the details have been developed in a lengthy, thoughtful, community-engaged process over the past 18 months. The board is seeking additional community input before making final decisions in mid-August.

Your input is important. Thank you for sharing your thoughts.

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About you

Please tell us a little about yourself.

Are you a...

- 4J student *and/or*
- 4J parent *and/or*
- 4J staff member
- Other community member (*not parent, student or staff*)

Where do you live?

- Churchill region
- North Eugene region
- Sheldon region
- South Eugene region
- Outside of Eugene School District 4J
- Don't know ([Click for quick lookup](#))

If you are a student or parent, where do you or your student attend school? (you may check more than one)

- Churchill region
- North Eugene region
- Sheldon region
- South Eugene region
- Not a Eugene School District 4J school
- Don't know ([Click for quick lookup](#))

If you are currently a 4J staff member, where do you work? (you may check more than one)

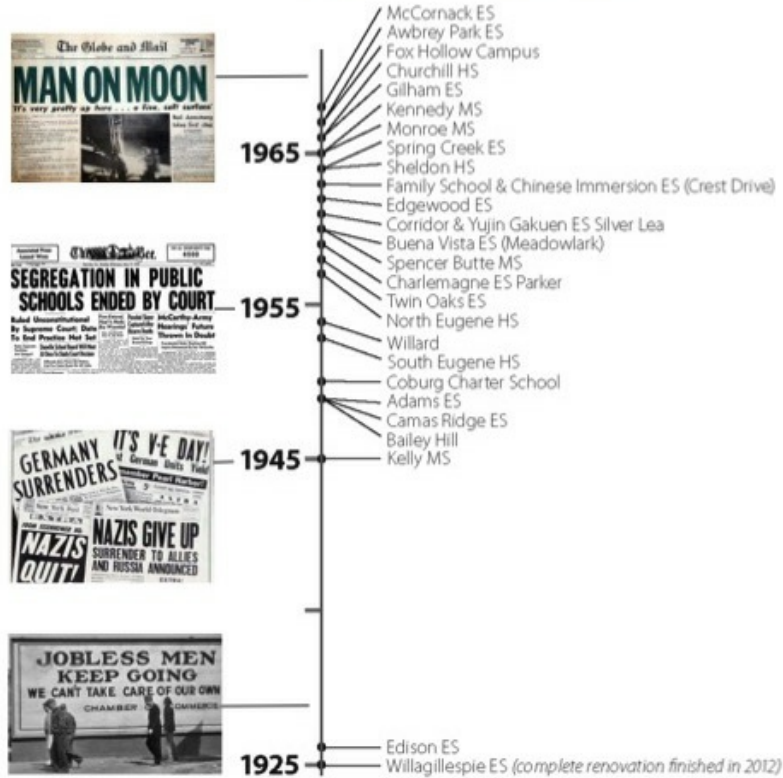
- Churchill region
- North Eugene region
- Sheldon region
- South Eugene region
- Central department

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Why a Bond Measure?

Why is the school board considering asking voters to approve a bond measure on the November 2018 ballot?

Our buildings are aging



4J's buildings are aging. Most were built to serve students from the Baby Boom. Some are even older. Over the past two decades our community has supported constructing four new school buildings with a bond measure in 2002 and four more with a bond measure in 2013. Every other 4J school building is at least 50 years old.

Our older school buildings were designed for an earlier era. They are inefficient and costly to operate and maintain. They were not designed with school safety in mind. Schools built today are more secure, more sustainable, and are designed differently because teaching and learning are different.

School enrollment, facility needs and educational needs are changing. Enrollment is increasing and may soon outpace school capacity in some areas. School security needs have changed since our schools were built more than 50 years ago. With constant advances in technology, learning in today's schools is different from what it was even 10 years ago. Curriculum has become outdated and high-quality instructional materials are needed for high-quality student learning. Expanding hands-on career technical education helps students master academics and technical skills and prepare for careers of the future.

The district's long-range facilities plan, updated after significant community input in 2013 and again in 2018, guides us in the continued improvement and replacement of aging school buildings and other capital assets. This long-range plan aims to position 4J for the future and revitalize our school buildings as great places for Eugene's children to learn. The plan calls for a bond measure in 2018 to continue to replace and renovate aging school buildings and make other improvements to better serve students and our community.

Why a bond measure? Oregon tax law limits funding for schools. Communities have two local options to provide school funding: Capital bonds and operating levies. **Bonds are for buildings** and lasting capital improvements. **Levies are for learning** and operating costs. Under Oregon law, bond money can be spent on capital assets like facilities (such as school buildings, athletic fields and parking lots), equipment, technology and textbooks. Bond money cannot pay for teachers and school programs. However, if capital costs are paid for with bond dollars, the general fund can go to teaching and learning.

Proposed Bond Improvements

After several years of anticipation and preliminary planning, and 18 months of a thorough, thoughtful, community-engaged process, the school board will make final decisions soon about a potential bond measure.

The board is considering a proposed bond package and some alternative options.

The proposed bond package would provide:

Four new school buildings

- Replace North Eugene High School (\$150 M)
- Replace Edison Elementary School (\$45 M)
- Replace Camas Ridge Elementary School (\$43.2 M)
- New Sheldon region elementary school to relieve overcrowding (\$53.5 M)

Renovations for program relocations (\$10 M)

- Provide appropriate space for relocated programs such as Yujin Gakuen, Corridor, ECCO, NATIVES program, Chinese immersion

Critical maintenance, repairs, improvements (\$31 M)

- Replace roofs, upgrade building systems, improve energy efficiency, make other repairs and improvements

School safety and security (\$16 M)

- Secure school entries, security fencing and technology
- Enhance resiliency of some new schools for earthquake and disaster recovery
- Improve safe walk and bike access to new schools (review required for all major construction)

Equity, access and health (\$12 M)

- Meet Title Nine requirements with equal access to high-quality facilities for girls and boys
- Improve academic and athletic facilities to be accessible and equitable for all
- Upgrade kitchen facilities to improve school food service
- Enhance special education facilities and equipment

Career technical education (\$6 M)

- Provide spaces and equipment for career-related learning such as computer programming, health sciences, trades

Bus replacements (\$4.8 M)

- Replace aging school buses

Instructional materials (\$8 M)

- Update outdated curriculum such as English language arts, social studies, math, health, arts

Technology upgrades (\$6 M)

- Improve classroom technology to support student learning
- Modernize technology infrastructure

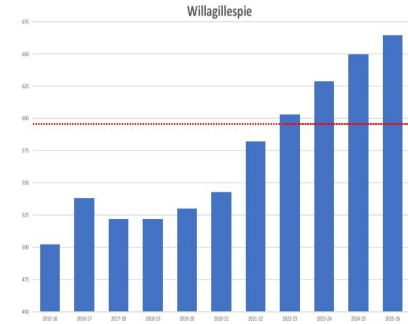
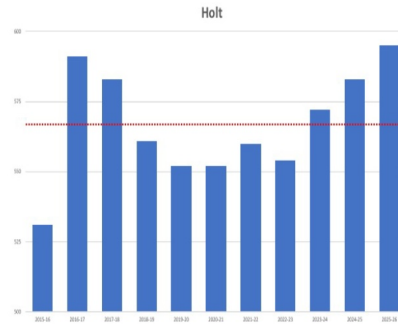
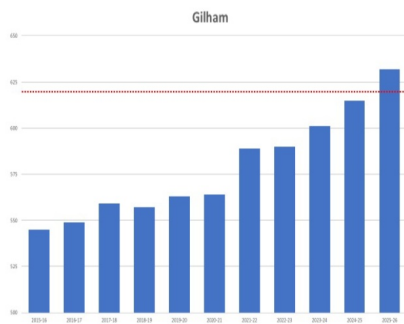
The school board also is considering adjustments to the proposed bond measure. Some options are detailed on the next page for your input.

Please share your comments and questions about the bond measure and the proposed improvements listed above.

Potential adjustments

The school board is considering adjustments to the proposed bond measure. Please share your comments and questions about the following alternatives.

Address Overcrowding in Sheldon Region Elementary Schools



The Sheldon region is growing and needs more space for elementary students. Its elementary schools are currently the largest in Eugene, larger than most middle schools, with three neighborhood schools enrolling well over 500 students each. The population and student enrollment in the area is projected to continue to grow, exceeding school capacity a few years from now.

The proposed bond measure includes building a new elementary school in the Sheldon region to accommodate growing enrollment. Alternatives include building a smaller new school, expanding an existing elementary school, or installing temporary portable classrooms as needed.

Please indicate which options you support to address overcrowding for the next decade and beyond (you may check more than one) and share your comments below.

PROPOSED: New Elementary School, Capacity 600

A new elementary school with a capacity of 600 students, constructed on district-owned property on Kinney Loop, near Coburg Road and Crescent Ave., would serve families and community members in the northeastern area of Eugene and relieve enrollment pressure on other area schools as the population grows. *(Cost: ~\$53.5 million)*

ALTERNATIVE: Smaller New Elementary School, Capacity 450, Designed for Expansion

A new elementary school could be built for an initial capacity of 450 students, with larger core areas to facilitate later expansion to 600 student capacity when needed. *(Cost: ~\$45.8 million)*

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A new elementary school could be built for a capacity of 450 students, without designing in flexibility for later growth. *(Cost: ~\$43.2 million)*

ALTERNATIVE: Expand Gilham Elementary

Gilham Elementary School was improved and expanded in 2016 with funds from the previous bond measure. The master plan calls for a second phase of improvements not yet funded. Completing Phase 2 of the Gilham Master Plan would accommodate about 100–120 more students in the Sheldon region. *(Cost: ~\$9 million)*

ALTERNATIVE: Add Portable Classrooms As Needed

When enrollment exceeds building capacity, portable classrooms will be needed to accommodate growth. Portable (or modular) classrooms are not ideal learning environments and are considered a short-term solution.

NONE OF THE ABOVE

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS: Please share your thoughts about addressing overcrowding in Sheldon region elementary schools in this bond measure.

Improve North Eugene High School Building



North Eugene High School's 1957 building is aging and was designed for smaller high school classes than today. Constructing a new building for North Eugene High School would support modern teaching and learning activities, would include dedicated spaces for career technical education and access to health services, would be efficient and sustainable, and would be designed with safety and school security in mind.

The proposed bond measure includes constructing a new North Eugene High School building. Alternatives include building a smaller new school or renovating the existing school building.

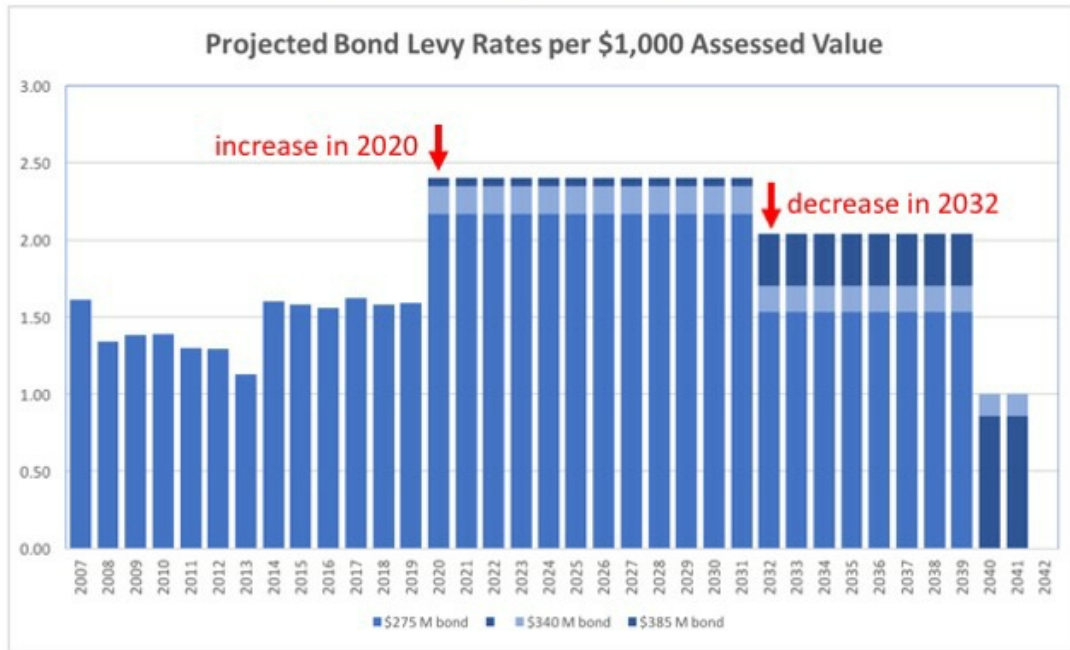
Please indicate which options you support to improve North Eugene High School's aging facility (you may check more than one) and share your comments below.

- PROPOSED: New North Eugene Building, 1200 Capacity, Designed for Expansion**
A new building for North Eugene High School would support modern teaching and learning activities, would include dedicated spaces for career technical education and access to health services, would be efficient and sustainable, and would be designed with safety and school security in mind. *(Cost: ~\$150 million)*
- ALTERNATIVE: New North Eugene Building, 1000 Capacity, Designed for Expansion**
A new school building could be constructed for 1000 students now, with larger core areas to facilitate later expansion to 1200 students or more. *(Cost: ~\$128 million)*
- ALTERNATIVE: Renovate Existing North Eugene High School Building In Place**
A phased renovation was planned and begun in the early 2000's. A partial renovation would replace some parts of the high school and renovate some other parts to modernize aged building systems and support modern teaching and learning. It would not result in a fully renovated or new school building. *(Cost: ~\$90 million)*
- NONE OF THE ABOVE**
- COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:** Please share your thoughts about replacing or improving North Eugene High School in this bond measure.

Potential Bond Measure

What would a bond cost?

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Bond Amount	\$385 million	\$340 million	\$275 million
Total bond tax rate per \$1,000 AV (est.)	\$2.40	\$2.35	\$2.17
Tax increase per \$1,000 AV (est.)	\$0.81	\$0.76	\$0.58
Increase per month for median home	\$14	\$13	\$10
Increase per year for median home	\$165	\$155	\$118

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Please share your thoughts about the following potential bond measure scenarios.

\$385 million bond measure (*\$165/year increase for median homeowner*)

- New North Eugene High School
- New elementary school in Sheldon region
- New Edison Elementary School
- New Camas Ridge Elementary School

\$340 million bond measure (*\$155/year increase for median homeowner*)

- New North Eugene High School
- Expand Gilham Elementary School
- New Edison Elementary School
- New Camas Ridge Elementary School

\$275 million bond measure (*\$118/year increase for median homeowner*)

- Renovate North Eugene High School
- Expand Gilham Elementary School
- New Edison Elementary School
- New Camas Ridge Elementary School

Please share any additional comments you have on this potential bond measure.

What other information would you want to have as you consider a potential bond measure for 4J schools?

To receive occasional bond measure updates, please share your email address here (this will not be included in survey results published on the district website) or send an email to bond@4j.lane.edu.

Email Address

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Thank you

Your responses have been recorded. Unless you wish to back up to change any responses, you may click the "submit" button, close this window or leave the page.

Your input will help the school board and superintendent as they move forward. We want to make the best decisions possible for our schools, our students and our community.

To learn more, please visit the [Building 4J's Future](#) area of 4J's website.

Thank you for sharing your time and input.