

Community News

Achieving Excellence in Education

The 2006 bond provided more room and better schools for our students. Thank you, Voters!



Dear Neighbor,

I am happy to tell you that we have had a great start to the school year.

There has been a lot of excitement

from students and staff about learning, activities and friendship in recent months.

I am also happy to tell you that our 2006 bond program has officially been completed. We are pleased with the new space for learning and we believe that we fulfilled our promises to voters as efficiently as possible.

On page two, you will see the list of projects completed at Memorial, Newby and Wascher elementary schools, Patton Middle School and McMinnville High School.

Thanks to the bond, the district now has a new state-of-the-art “green” elementary school. Buel Elementary was recognized for its high-level energy efficiency and sustainable construction with its new LEED for Schools Gold certification. See page two for more details.

You can see a bond video at www.msd.k12.or.us for a better look at the bond projects. To see the new projects in person, contact one of our schools to arrange a tour.

Sincerely,
Maryalice Russell, Ed.D.
Superintendent

MHS dedication celebrates high school addition, marks end of bond

McMinnville High School celebrated its new 26-classroom addition and kicked off its 100-year anniversary at a dedication ceremony on Sept. 19. More than 300 people attended the event, which featured student-led facility tours, activities for children hosted by athletes, symphonic choir and concert band performances, and hors d’oeuvres prepared by culinary arts students.

If you would like to see the changes at McMinnville High School, please call the school at 503-565-4200 to arrange a visit or stop by the office. Please note the office has been moved to the east side of the building.



The official ribbon cutting was done by student Michael Burke (center). With him are (from left): student Adrianna Mendoza, Principal Kris Olsen, Board members Janis Braich, Nichole Obrist, Kathy Cabe, Stan Primovich and Francis Charbonnier, Dr. Paul Haddeland and Superintendent Maryalice Russell.

Dr. Paul Haddeland spoke during the dedication program. He served as co-chair of the citizen advocacy committee, Citizens for Good Education, during the 2006 bond campaign.



Students took a lead in the dedication activities, including giving tours, hosting games and food, and providing entertainment. From left: Junior Raquel Rosales, Senior Lydia Taron and Junior Francisco Rangel show their MHS pride with centennial celebration t-shirts.

Final projects completed in 2006 bond project list

The bond proposal approved by voters in 2006 included a new elementary school and major additions and renovations at Memorial, Newby and Wascher elementary schools, Patton Middle School and McMinnville High School. All projects have been completed. To see photos of the new or upgraded space, see the district bond video at www.msd.k12.or.us.

Buel Elementary

Buel is a new 600-student elementary school designed for sustainability and maximum efficiency. Buel was named a LEED for Schools Gold school (see story in box).



Memorial Elementary

- Five new classrooms
- Larger library
- Larger cafeteria and kitchen



Newby Elementary

- Five new classrooms
- New music room
- New cafeteria/kitchen
- New main entrance
- New parking across from Duniway
- New playground



Wascher Elementary

- Seven new classrooms
- New cafeteria/kitchen
- New fire protection road
- New playground



For more information about the 2006 bond program, see the bond video on the district Web site: www.msd.k12.or.us.

Patton Middle School

- Boiler replacement
- New synthetic baseball field



McMinnville High School

- 26 new classrooms
- New cafeteria/kitchen
- New main entrance
- More parking
- New wood floor in Red Gym
- New synthetic stadium turf
- Four new tennis courts at Cowls Street
- Greenhouse



Buel wins LEED gold for design, construction and efficiency

The new Buel Elementary School was recognized by the U.S. Green Building Council for meeting the highest standards of energy efficiency and design with a Leadership in Energy Efficiency and Design (LEED) for Schools Gold award.

The award is based on design, construction and building operations systems, including energy, lighting, water and materials. The standards result in lower operational costs in water and energy use, lower environmental impact and greater awareness of sustainability issues.

Buel's "green" focus was identified during community input processes both before and after the bond passed.

Buel's design features have long-term cost-savings and educational benefits:

- Electrical lighting systems adapt based on available natural light.
- Dual flush toilets and drought tolerant plants cut water use in half.
- Solar panels on the roof meet 3.7 percent of the school's electrical needs.
- Heavily insulated windows and walls use 53 percent less energy, resulting in a savings of about \$22,000 per year for energy use.
- Students and staff recycle all allowable materials; Sustainability is incorporated into classroom activity.

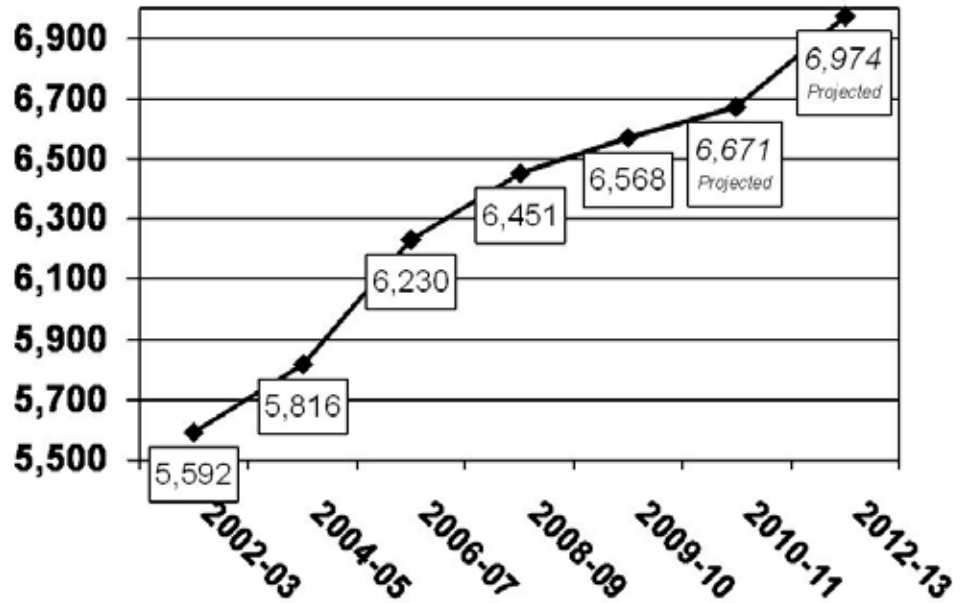
District enrollment growth in line with projections

After the first month of school, enrollment numbers settle out and give a fairly accurate picture of the number of students in school for the coming year.

Enrollment for September was 6,568—about a 1.5 percent increase over last school year and in line with estimates.

Each year, enrollment has been climbing steadily and is projected to continue growing by about 100 new students per year.

While substantial growth can strain facilities, modest growth ensures funding stability for current programs. Schools are funded by the state on a per student basis, increasing or decreasing with enrollment changes.



Grant awards total almost \$2 million for school programs



School districts often rely on grants to supplement instructional programs or fund enrichment activities. Since the budget downturn last spring, the McMinnville School District has worked hard to identify and apply for any available grant that would benefit students.

The table below lists grant awards for 2009. Many of the grants are awarded for multi-year implementation. All grants have specific requirements on how the money is spent.

The total is almost \$2 million for the year with a possible additional \$472,000 pending or in the application process.

For information about grant-funded programs, see the District Web site: www.msd.k12.or.us.

Grantee	Project	Award	Amount
Oregon Dept. of Education	Elementary Afterschool Program	Spring 2009	\$1,632,000
Northwest Consortium	EASA Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Coaching	Spring 2009	STEM Coach
University of S. Florida	MHS – Tune Into Reading Project	Fall 2009	\$2,872
National Association of Elementary Principals	Newby Dual Language Immersion	Fall 2009	\$3,000
Oregon Dept. of Education	Patton Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Project	Spring 2009	\$267,915
Oregon Dept. of Education	K-12 ELL Teacher Mentors	Summer 2009	\$8,500 plus training
Oregon Dept. of Education	Middle School math (Duniway and Patton) Common Formative Assessments	September 2009	\$9,952
Total Awarded			\$1,924,239 plus coaching and technology

MCMINNVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT FAST FACTS

Total Enrollment: 6,568 (September 2009)

Elementary schools (K-5): 3,035

Middle schools (6-8): 1,505

High school (9-12): 2,028

Enrollment in McMinnville schools has been growing steadily and is projected to continue increasing.

Schools: 10

Elementary schools: 6

Middle schools: 2

High schools: 2

One comprehensive high school serves students in grades 9-12.

MHS includes two satellite campuses: Cook Alternative School and the Engineering and Aerospace Sciences Academy (EASA)

One small high school: Media Arts and Communications Academy (MACA)

Students (2008-09 data)

Special Education students: 12%

English Language Learners: 17.07%

Percentage of students qualifying for free and reduced lunch: 53.23%

Student Demographics (2008-09 data)

African America: .80%

American Indian: .81%

Asian Pacific: 2.02%

Hispanic: 29.10%

White: 65.80%

Declined to respond (*results are self-reported*): 1.47%

Staff

FTE stands for Full-Time Equivalent or full-time positions.

Total employees: 711

Teachers: 374 (360.69 FTE)

Classified: 299 (254.59 FTE)

Includes 167 (133 FTE) Educational Assistants

Administrators: 24 (23.5 FTE)

About our teachers

Average years of experience: 11.7 years

Masters Degree or higher: 68%

Sign up for email news and announcements

Sign up at www.msd.k12.or.us to receive email announcements about inclement weather and school closures on Flash News or school and district updates on E-News.

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