

# Community News

## From the Superintendent

## Achieving Excellence in Education



Work on construction projects approved by voters in the May, 2016 Facilities Bond is proceeding on schedule. It will be a busy summer, since much of the work must be done while school is out of session. This means that some schools or some areas within schools will be unavailable for community use. Details of the work that will be occurring this summer and

the impact on building usage can be found on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter, including building closures, estimates of closure dates, bond work occurring in each facility, and changes to summer programming.

Over spring break, the District Administrative Office moved to the former Cook Elementary School, which is nearing completion of seismic upgrades, repairs, and renovations.

Though construction inevitably presents some challenges to work around, our students will benefit from improved facilities purposefully designed to maximize learning. We are grateful for the support of the community, which continues to put the needs of students first and foremost.

At the state level, a commitment to put the needs of students first and foremost is less apparent. The legislature is currently holding hearings and debating funding levels for K-12 education. In fact, I testified before the Oregon legislature on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> and March 16<sup>th</sup> to advocate for increased school funding.

The Co-Chairs proposed education funding level of \$7.8 billion over the 2017-19 biennium would result in a funding shortfall of approximately \$4.2 million per year for each of the next two years for the McMinnville School District.

The Governor's proposed education budget of \$8.02 billion would create a district revenue shortfall of \$2.85 million per year for each of the next two years. Either shortfall would result in reductions that could impact class size, reduce instructional days, or decrease the staffing of specialists in our schools. Oregon already ranks 39<sup>th</sup> in the country in education funding and we also have one of the shortest school years in the country. Now is not the time to be cutting school funding, especially given the renewed strength of the Oregon economy, and it's certainly not the time to further shorten the school year.

If the state were to fund K-12 education at \$8.40 billion over the 17-19 biennium, the district's funding shortfall would be reduced to \$500,000 a year, which could be made up with reserve funds, thereby maintaining current programs. A statewide funding level of \$8.93 billion would allow the district to return to the program levels achieved nearly a decade ago. This would better support the district to meet state standards by providing intervention support, reducing class size, and offering extended day/year learning opportunities.

A funding level of \$9.97 billion would meet the Quality Education Model recommended by the Quality Education Commission, a commission on which I serve. At that level, the district could add instructional days, establish effective class sizes at all levels, provide high quality professional development, expand technology-rich teaching and learning, and provide extended day/year learning opportunities. Funding the Quality Education Model would significantly improve public education in Oregon over time.

*Maryolui Russell*

### April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

According to the Oregon Dept. of Human Services, 69,972 reports of child abuse and neglect were made in 2015. Nationally, 4 million reports were made. The district partners closely with Juliette's House and other agencies to raise public awareness about the prevalence of child abuse. Every child deserves to grow up healthy, safe, and in a nurturing environment. Help prevent child abuse and neglect by recognizing that prevention starts with each of us.

Facility	Summer 2017 Construction <i>* Some dates may change due to weather or other construction variables</i>	Summer Activities Changes
<b>McMinnville High School</b> Partial closure based on impacted areas - February thru August 18 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Career Technical Center construction, additional parking, and new bus lane</li> <li>○ Stadium renovation</li> <li>○ Fieldhouse construction</li> <li>○ Baker field</li> <li>○ Cafeteria expansion</li> <li>○ Classrooms, labs, and Commons area repairs and renovations, including plumbing, electrical, and technology infrastructure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MHS Summer School (weekly schedule to be determined)</li> <li>○ Girls' STEM Camp, June 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 8:45-3:15 @ Evergreen Space Museum (bus pickup/drop off at Duniway)</li> <li>○ STEM Camp for English Learners, August 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-3:00 @ Evergreen Space Museum (bus pickup and drop off at designated sites)</li> <li>○ Music Camp, Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>
<b>Patton Middle School</b> Complete building closure - June 23 <sup>rd</sup> to August 25 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Roof replacement</li> <li>○ HVAC replacement</li> <li>○ Window replacement</li> <li>○ Hallway wainscot replacement</li> <li>○ Electrical system upgrade</li> <li>○ New lockers installation</li> <li>○ Elevator renovation</li> <li>○ Selected restroom remodel</li> <li>○ Exterior doors replacement</li> <li>○ <i>Patton Administrative offices will temporarily relocate. New location information will be posted.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Patton students will attend 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Summer School @ Duniway, July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-Noon, Monday thru Thursday</li> <li>○ STARS summer program (location and schedule to be determined)</li> <li>○ Extended School Year program, August 7<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> @ Duniway</li> </ul>
<b>Duniway Middle School</b> Partial building closure - June 23 <sup>rd</sup> to August 25 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Roof replacement</li> <li>○ Selected classroom and hallway flooring replacement</li> <li>○ Hallway wainscot replacement</li> <li>○ HVAC repairs</li> <li>○ Electrical repairs</li> <li>○ Cafeteria repairs and equipment replacement</li> <li>○ Selected restroom remodel</li> <li>○ Exterior repairs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Duniway Summer School, July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-Noon, Monday thru Thursday.</li> <li>○ Summer feeding site</li> </ul>
<b>Buel Elementary</b> Building open with restricted access in some exterior areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ HVAC roof well repair on southwest section</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Buel Summer School, hosting Buel and Memorial students, July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:45-12:15, Monday thru Thursday</li> <li>○ Kindergarten Transition Camp, hosting Buel and Memorial incoming Kinders, August 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-11:30</li> <li>○ Operation Backpack (date TBD)</li> <li>○ Summer feeding site</li> </ul>
<b>Columbus Elementary</b> Partial building closure - June 23 <sup>rd</sup> to August 4 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Replace cooling tower</li> <li>○ Selected classroom and common area flooring replacement</li> <li>○ Downspouts and soffits repair</li> <li>○ Cafeteria cooler and freezer repairs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Columbus Summer School, hosting Columbus and Newby students, July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:45-12:15, Monday thru Thursday</li> <li>○ Kindergarten Transition Camp, hosting Columbus and Newby incoming kinders, August 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-11:30</li> <li>○ Summer feeding site</li> </ul>

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<b>Grandhaven Elementary</b> Partial building closure - June 23 <sup>rd</sup> to August 18 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selected classroom flooring replacement</li> <li>Wainscot replacement in selected hallways and cafeteria</li> <li>Water heater replacement</li> <li>Sound panel installation in gym</li> <li>Exterior gutter work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grandhaven Summer School, hosting Grandhaven and Wascher students, July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:45-12:15, Monday thru Thursday</li> <li>Kindergarten Transition Camp, hosting Grandhaven and Wascher incoming kinders, August 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-11:30</li> <li>Summer feeding site</li> </ul>
<b>Memorial Elementary</b> Complete building closure - June 23 <sup>rd</sup> to August 16 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sewer line replacement</li> <li>Galvanized water line replacement</li> <li>Roofing replacement</li> <li>HVAC unit above library replacement</li> <li>Egress coverage installation</li> <li><i>Memorial Administrative offices will temporarily relocate to Buel</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Memorial students will attend Summer School @ Buel, July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:45-12:15, Monday thru Thursday</li> <li>Memorial incoming kinders will attend Kindergarten Transition Camp @ Buel, August 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-11:30</li> </ul>
<b>Newby Elementary</b> Complete building closure - June 23 <sup>rd</sup> to August 16 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remodel of older sections of building and library</li> <li>HVAC replacement</li> <li>Roofing replacement</li> <li>Fire alarm system upgrade</li> <li>Restroom remodel</li> <li><i>Newby Administrative offices will temporarily relocate to Columbus</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newby students will attend Summer School @ Columbus, July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:45-12:15, Monday thru Thursday</li> <li>Newby incoming kinders will attend Kindergarten Transition Camp @ Columbus, August 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-11:30</li> </ul>
<b>Wascher Elementary</b> Complete building closure - June 23 <sup>rd</sup> to August 25 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reroofing of older section</li> <li>Selected classroom flooring replacement</li> <li>Exterior paint</li> <li><i>Wascher Administrative offices will temporarily relocate to Grandhaven</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wascher students will attend Summer School @ Grandhaven, July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:45-12:15, Monday thru Thursday</li> <li>Wascher incoming kinders will attend Kindergarten Transition Camp @ Grandhaven, August 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-11:30</li> </ul>
<b>Adams Campus</b> Complete building closure - June 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2017 to January 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seismic upgrades</li> <li>Window replacement</li> <li>Fire alarms, smoke detectors, and electrical upgrade</li> <li>Selected classroom flooring replacement and casework repairs</li> <li><i>RISE will relocate to the Booth Bend Center for the 2017/18 school year</i></li> <li><i>Post-High program and Mid-Willamette Online Education will relocate to Evans Learning Center for the 2017/18 school year</i></li> <li><i>Cook Jr. program will relocate to the Cook Campus for the 2017/18 school year</i></li> </ul>	
<b>District Office</b> Relocation of District Office, nutrition services, and the IT Dept. - March 27 <sup>th</sup> to April 14 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District office, nutrition services, and the IT Dept. will permanently move to Cook Elementary, 800 Lafayette Ave., McMinnville, OR 97128</li> <li>1500 Baker St. will replace the Booth Bend Conference Center for the 2017/18 school year</li> </ul>	
<b>Facilities/Grounds Dept.</b> Construction period - April 1 <sup>st</sup> to Aug. 7 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New roof, maintenance shop, grounds garage, and equipment shed</li> <li>New exterior paint and signage</li> </ul>	

#### Winter Weather Makeup Days

Due to the inclement weather experienced in December and January, the last school day for students will now be June 21<sup>st</sup>. The extended school year has resulted in other calendar changes as noted below:

- Students come to school on April 7<sup>th</sup> but do not come to school on April 14<sup>th</sup>
- Conferences will be held from 4-8 pm on April 20<sup>th</sup> and from 8 am - noon on April 21<sup>st</sup>
- Students do not come to school on April 21<sup>st</sup>

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**Newly Released Graduation Rate Data Shows MHS is among State Leaders**

Graduation rate data for 2016, recently released by the Oregon Department of Education, indicates that McMinnville High School was among the top performing schools in the state for the overall graduation rate and, in particular, a top performer among high schools serving historically at-risk populations. The chart below shows the MHS 2016 graduation rate as compared to state average.

Graduation Rate	2015/16		
	MHS	Oregon	Difference
Students	86.85%	74.83%	+12.02%
All Students	86.85%	74.83%	+12.02%
Hispanic Students	88.76%	69.44%	+19.32%
English Learners	73.81%	52.90%	+20.91%
Ever English Learner	88.72%	71.11%	+17.61%
Students w/Disabilities	68.97%	55.50%	+13.47%

**District-Wide Tip Line for Students**

MSD recognizes that creating a safe learning environment is an essential component in supporting every student to achieve academic success. This year, the district will introduce the Safe Oregon Tip Line. Safe Oregon will give students another method of communicating with school administrators when a safety incident, or a potential incident, occurs. The service is provided to the districts free of charge through the state. Students can access Safe Oregon through a link on their school website or they can go directly to the Safe Oregon website: [www.safeoregon.com](http://www.safeoregon.com). Additionally, students can call or text a tip to 844.472.3367 or email [tip@safeoregon.com](mailto:tip@safeoregon.com).

**Local Contractors Working on School Bond Projects**

The following local contractors are currently working on school district projects approved by voters in last May's election:

- Haworth, Inc.
- TerraCalc surveying
- Farnham Electric
- Sawtooth Calking, Inc.
- C&D Landscape Co.
- Washington Roofing Co.
- Gormley Plumbing
- S&S Electrical Contractors, LLC
- Innovative Security & Communications
- Express Employment/Stoller Group
- AC & Sons Construction

