## Warrenton: Site has 50 somewhat flat, buildable acres

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The site also presents a potentially synergistic development for Warrenton Fiber, which owns much of the uplands in the area and is developing a new subdivision next door.

The school district's purchase of the property would be contingent on voter approval of a \$38.5 million bond in November. The bond would also fund the construction of a new middle school as the first phase of a K-12 campus.

The district looked at three sites for a new campus.

One was on county-owned, industrial-zoned land in the North Coast Business Park. Another was on agriculturally zoned land owned by Warrenton Fiber along U.S. Highway 101 Business near Trails End Recovery, in an area known as Airport Hill. While the property on Airport Hill would have been cheaper, it faced several hurdles because it is just outside district and city limits, Jeffery said.

"Oregon's land use laws are designed to prevent us from doing what we were looking to do out at Airport Hill outside the urban growth boundary," Jeffery said. "That urban growth boundary, there's a reason for that. We would have had to prove that we couldn't build anywhere else."

The Warrenton Fiber site near Dolphin Avenue presents the school district with 50 somewhat flat, buildable acres significantly above sea level, in a high-density zone suitable

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A: The biggest challenge

is the distance — 400-some

odd miles of coastline, 420-

some odd miles of river from

here all the way to Lewiston,

Idaho. Area of response goes

up to Gravs Harbor, goes down

to Coos Bay. Just that volume

of work and all the activity

that has to go, that's associated

with that is run out of here or

Portland. So just keeping track

of everything, understanding

where our people are at and

what they're doing, knowing

where the folks are at — that's



Superintendent Mark Jeffery speaks to teachers on their lunch break at Warrenton Grade School, which school district officials say will be 40 percent over capacity this year.

Smith: Alert, Steadfast will be decommissioned if new cutters arrive

for a school campus and near utilities, Jeffery said. The site is also close to law enforcement, with the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office to the north and the Oregon State Police to the west.

Just east of Warrenton's proposed master campus, contractors for Warrenton Fiber are laying out the design for the first phase of a new 74-home subdivision called

Roosevelt. The company hopes to break ground in the fall on the first phase, which includes about 30 homes, said John M. Nygaard, a member of the company's leadership.

Once the layout of Roosevelt is approved, construction can start on the new S.E. Bugle Avenue from 19th Street, between the former youth jail and the sheriff's office headquarters, south to Roosevelt.

The subdivision will also likely provide a necessary second access point to the campus and a connection to Dolphin Avenue, Jeffery said.

The area around the campus represents one of the few industrially zoned, developable areas in Warrenton out of the tsunami zone, Nygaard said.

"We are getting kind of a business park feel on the front of Dolphin," he said.

While it prepares to negotiate the property purchase, the school district recently began meeting with staff and the school board to start planning what the new campus will look like. The initial middle school would be designed for 260 students to alleviate overcrowding at Warrenton Grade School. The campus is about 40 percent over its intended capacity, with more than 800 students expected to start classes next week.

In initial meetings about the master campus, school board members have raised concerns about presenting a quality product but keeping the design simple to avoid the sort of cost overruns faced by the Seaside School District in building its new bond-financed master campus.

The school district has also faced questions about why it is not moving the more populous elementary school grades out of the tsunami zone first. A facilities committee recommended a 2022 bond to move the high school, and a 2032 bond to move the elementary school.

Relocating the middle school first was driven more by what the school district could afford than what it would like to do, Jeffery said. The district had originally looked at relocating all the schools with one bond, but learned it doesn't have the property values to put out a bond similar to the \$100 million approved by Seaside voters. The hope is that as Warrenton grows over time, the property tax base will expand, lowering the per capita cost of future bonds.

If voters approve a bond, the school district will hire an architect to work out the details of a new campus, said Karen Montovino, an architectural consultant. The design process will take about a year, she said, after which construction could take between 15 and 18 months.

A: I just want to make sure

that the sector is positioned to

support the district and to sup-

port the community. And then

I want to make sure the folks

here in the sector have the

resources that they need to be

comfortable in the community,

so they're not worried about

their families or things in their

home life, so when they come to

work they're focused on what

they need to do that day and

not worried about other things

that are going on at home. So

be that housing, medical care,

ensuring that pay is commen-

tional policy?

Q: There's been kind of a baby boom in the local Coast Guard recently, a lot of families having children. Is there anything that you think needs to be done to accommodate that

extra load on their lives? A: So one thing that I've heard a lot about is child care be that in-home child care for folks that want that or preschool or day care. I've gotten a lot of informal feedback that the community may not have those resources readily available for people. I'm starting to, kind of, look at that and think maybe there's an opportunity there for improvement. basket, housing is an issue in the area in general. In a few

years, two cutters are going to be stationed in Astoria. What do you think needs to be done to accommodate probably close to 200 families coming to the area?

A: I think that it's got to look at a couple different things. Housing obviously is the first and foremost. The number of cutters isn't necessarily determined. Also, if new cutters do arrive, the 210s — the Alert and the Steadfast — are going to be decommissioned, so it'll be leaving the area. So there's a little bit of an offset there. When, exactly, all that occurs is still up to the decision-mak-Q: And, kind of in that same ers. I know the Coast Guard at the higher levels is looking at where they home port cutters.

Just notionally looking at, "Are we putting the right assets in the right places?" Because there are, like you mentioned, areas like this where housing is an issue and the local economy is starting to pick up and housing prices are increasing. They're looking at, "Where do we want to put cutters across the entire enterprise?" And they also look at the change in threats - border security, drug smuggling, arctic security - where are our cutters best positioned to meet the strategic needs of the service and the nation. So, we'll see what happens in the grand

the Coast Guard, we're moving cutters around. I can think of an example on the Gulf Coast where they've moved home ports of cutters because of changes in the economy, the fishing fleet. They moved ports from one place to another, a place to follow the fish, so eventually the Coast Guard moved the cutters because they're closer to the fishing community. So things like that will drive decisions on where folks live. I don't - Astoria in particular - I don't know that there's any firm decision on where cutters are going to go. Like you said, two is kind of the number that has been thrown around. We'll see what happens.

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the top items on your agenda as far as personnel or opera-

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**Q:** You mean as far as the Steadfast and the Alert go? A: Just, in general. Across

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