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lem at each of the schools is they have significantly more exterior doors than what he would recommend for the square footage. He said Rocky Heights has 29 exterior doors and Highland Hills, 35, compared with newer campuses, such as West Park Elementary School or Armand Larive Middle School, which have about 13 doors on their significantly larger campuses.

Edmiston said because each school has so many access points, it would be difficult for police to contain or secure the schools from an intruder or other threat.

Edmiston said his other concern is the two buildings both have outdoor hallways, which also make them harder to secure from a tactical standpoint if a serious event were to take place.

“One thing that really stood out to me was the access onto the property and access off,” he said at a previous board meeting.

Edmiston said he recommends either serious modification to the buildings or demolition and reconstruction of the buildings.

“That is what is going to be needed,” he said at a previous board meeting.

Both Maiocco and Deputy Superintendent Wade Smith said they are well aware of the safety concerns that each of those buildings pose. They said the district is currently conducting a comprehensive analysis of the Hermiston School District buildings that includes a variety of studies that detail the current status of the school buildings. The analysis will also include



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A Hermiston School District facilities report being compiled will include recommendations on how to solve the security concerns at Highland Hills Elementary School, pictured, and Rocky Heights Elementary School, which have more than 25 doors, each, making access into the buildings hard to control.

recommendations for the future.

Maiocco said the buildings evaluation report is one of many the district is compiling that will aid in the future planning of the district, including what to do about the safety and security of Rocky Heights and Highland Hills — whether that requires building new schools in the future or whatever else the board and public will support.

Smith said the district will use information gathered from different reports, such as the Portland State University population study the district commissioned last year, as well as engineering stud-

ies, a capacity analysis, an economic impact study and other information to plan for the years ahead in the Hermiston School District. Smith said officials will give a presentation on all of the findings in the spring, which will act as the district’s “bible” in future planning.

“I know that the community is anxious to hear about potential bonds down the road,” Maiocco said. “Right now, we are in the information-gathering stages, and we are doing the technical analysis. That is what the Facilities Master Planning (Committee) is doing ... We are really only on the ground level for that right now.”

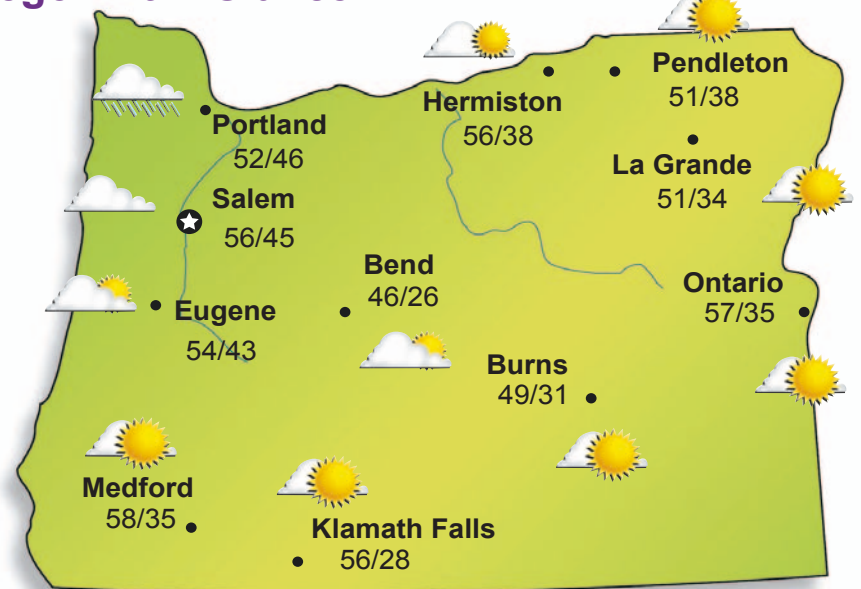
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 2/25	Thu 2/26	Fri 2/27	Sat 2/28	Sun 3/1
56/38	55/36	49/30	49/24	49/31
Sunny skies during the morning hours will become overcast in the afternoon.	Morning clouds followed by afternoon sun.	Chance of showers. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 30s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the mid 20s.	More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 30s.
Sunrise 6:42 AM Sunset 5:38 PM	Sunrise 6:41 AM Sunset 5:39 PM	Sunrise 6:39 AM Sunset 5:40 PM	Sunrise 6:37 AM Sunset 5:42 PM	Sunrise 6:35 AM Sunset 5:43 PM

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Oregon At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Albany	56	46	cloudy	Florence	57	46	cloudy	Newport	53	47	cloudy
Ashland	57	36	mst sunny	Grants Pass	55	35	pt sunny	Pendleton	51	38	mst sunny
Astoria	50	44	rain	Hermiston	56	38	pt sunny	Portland	52	46	rain
Baker City	49	31	mst sunny	John Day	46	31	pt sunny	Redmond	52	32	pt sunny
Bend	46	26	cloudy	Klamath Falls	56	28	mst sunny	Roseburg	55	44	cloudy
Brookings	61	45	pt sunny	La Grande	51	34	mst sunny	Salem	56	45	cloudy
Burns	49	31	mst sunny	Lakeview	54	27	mst sunny	Springfield	52	41	cloudy
Coos Bay	55	47	cloudy	Lincoln City	53	48	cloudy	The Dalles	57	42	cloudy
Corvallis	56	45	cloudy	McMinnville	54	44	cloudy	Tillamook	53	47	rain
Eugene	54	43	cloudy	Medford	58	35	mst sunny	Vale	58	37	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	40	32	mixed	Houston	59	40	rain	Phoenix	68	46	sunny
Boston	32	10	pt sunny	Los Angeles	70	51	sunny	San Francisco	66	49	pt sunny
Chicago	21	12	cloudy	Miami	82	71	mst sunny	Seattle	53	45	rain
Dallas	53	34	snow	Minneapolis	16	-3	cloudy	St. Louis	40	23	pt sunny
Denver	39	12	snow	New York	37	16	mst sunny	Washington, DC	41	25	pt sunny

Moon Phases



UV Index

Wed 2/25	Thu 2/26	Fri 2/27	Sat 2/28	Sun 3/1
2	2	1	3	3
Low	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0-11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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