

# GROWTH:

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meaning a teacher is instructing students from both grades.

Hermiston school enrollment has shown little sign that it will slow down, and if it continues to meet or exceed the high growth projections, Portland State is predicting the district will have about 6,500 students or more by the 2022-23 school year.

According to the website Niche.com, Hermiston is currently the 28 largest school district in the state. At 6,500 students, the district would rank between the McMinnville and Corvallis school districts, which are currently rank 19th and 20th in the state for size.



FILE PHOTO

Crew members of Barton Laser Leveling in Hermiston use water trucks to provide moisture to the dirt in the Farm-City Pro Rodeo arena in this file photo. The rodeo has been held at the Umatilla County Fairgrounds since its inception and the arena grounds have been updated over the years by volunteers and members of the rodeo board.

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EOTEC's main components (event center, barns and rodeo arena) can be used at the same time. The board plans to ask the commission to instead set an occupancy cap of 2,700 people for the entire project, meaning that a meeting in the event center could happen at the same time as a high school rodeo as long as the total combined attendance does not exceed 2,700 people.

The planning commission held a public hearing on the matter in July, but after concluding that the applicant had not presented enough evidence to justify the variance, continued the hearing to Wednesday in order to give the board more time to gather evidence.

Don Miller, who represents the Umatilla County Fair on the EOTEC board, said that the fair board was beginning to make plans to move all of its equipment and other possessions out of the current fairgrounds, which will be turned over to the Hermiston School District on Jan. 1, 2017.

He said it was the fair board's understanding that those items could be stored at the new fairgrounds, which means that the EOTEC board needs to start thinking about a secure storage location on site.

The EOTEC board's next regular meeting will be Sept. 30 at 7 a.m. in the EOTEC event center.



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