

Stanfield voters pass school district bond

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Stanfield schools are getting an upgrade. Voters appeared to have approved an \$18 million school bond on May 21, with 65% voting in favor of the bond as of 8 p.m. Passage of the bond will also secure a \$4 million matching grant from Oregon School Capital Improvement Fund.

District Superintendent Beth Burton said. "I think this will be good for our whole community, but it will be really good for our students."

The bond will pay for a number of projects, most notably a new middle school wing to be built on to Stanfield Secondary School. Currently, middle school grades are hosted in a modular not attached to the main building.

"The new middle school is definitely the focus, and the largest cost, of the bond,"

Burton said.

Having the new middle school wing will improve safety, she said, as it will force visitors to come past the main office before accessing classrooms. The bond will also help pay for other safety upgrades, including a remodel of the entryway and front office of both the secondary and elementary schools to improve safety. External safety cameras monitoring the parking lot and grounds will be added, and internal surveillance systems

will be upgraded.

Windows will be added to the secondary school, which has no natural lighting in its classrooms. The parking lot for the elementary school will be reconfigured, kitchens will be renovated, asbestos will be removed, the career and technical education spaces will be expanded, and the school district plans to purchase the land the elementary school is built on, which it is currently leasing from Union Pacific.



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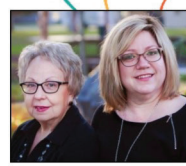
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