



Proposed Bond Measure

Spring 2022



Why is this proposed measure being presented to the voters?

The Gervais School District has not had a bond to fund facility improvements since the 1990s. Surrounding communities have passed bonds in recent years which is how neighboring districts such as St. Paul, Woodburn, Salem/Keizer, Mt. Angel and Silver Falls are able to upgrade facilities. The district established a Long-Range Facility committee and a Pre-Bond Planning committee involving more than 50 different stakeholders ranging from community leaders, staff, parents and students to determine what was important in an educational setting and what taxpayers would be willing to support.



Why doesn't the district build new facilities?

New construction costs are very expensive and would require more revenue than the district is able to finance. It would also be too expensive for taxpayers. A Long-Range Facility task force looked at all buildings narrowed down proposed improvements from 119 projects totaling \$120 million to 46 projects at just under \$35 million. The district has received a \$4 million grant from the State of Oregon that is only available if the bond is passed.

How much is this going to cost the taxpayer?

The district is asking voters to consider a \$31 million bond paid over the next 25 years. This is \$2.21 per \$1,000 assessed value for property owners. The average assessed value of a home in the City of Gervais is \$145,000 which is less than the market value of a home. Market value is how much a property could be sold for.



If the bond passes, what will the money be used for?

Projects include improvements for safety and security including fencing, locking doors, secure entry ways; roof repairs and replacements; addition of classrooms and other spaces; remodeling classrooms, bathrooms, locker rooms; HVAC upgrades in the elementary and high school; remodeling and replacement of athletic facilities.

Important Information:

Register to vote—any 18 years or older and a US citizen is able to vote but must be registered by April 21st. Regardless of whether you own your rent your home, you may vote. Voter Registration cards are available at the district office or by going to the Marion County Elections website and registering online: <https://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/registration.aspx?lang=en>

Bond. Gervais Bond—More specific details and videos are available online on the school district's website to answer your questions about the bond, the projects, how much the bond would cost a taxpayer, how to find out assessed value of property and a calculator to use to determine the amount per month this bond would cost based on the assessed value of the property. Please visit the website for this information: <https://www.gervais.k12.or.us/gervais-bond-measure/>



2022 DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:

April 12th: Community Meeting to share bond information including projects. Opportunities to ask questions will be provided. More details to come.

April 19th: Tours of the buildings. More details to come.

April 22nd: Deadline to register to vote.

May 17th: ELECTION DAY Ballots must be postmarked by this date.

Contact the Gervais School District Office at 503-792-3803 for more information.

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Proposed Projects School Bond 2022

Gervais High School (10.2M)

- Create an expanded front office/entrance area/security vestibule
- Create a student café/greater access to an outdoor area
- Upgrade Science classrooms
- Upgrade stage/performing arts areas
- Create an upgraded area for CTE medical careers classes
- Create an upgraded studio area for Graphic Arts/Design classes
- Add more student lockers
- Reinforce and remodel locker room
- Add 3 classrooms
- Add covered walkway at the east end to connect north and south halls
- Add/Remodel restrooms
- Replace roof
- Move weight room upstairs, add ADA access to upper gym
- Football bleacher and press box upgrade (bleachers on both sides)
- Turf Field—soccer/football with grant funding and bond dollars/sponsorship
- New concessions/restroom building at track
- New lighting on football/soccer field
- New scoreboards
- Misc. Improvements (paint, HVAC/Ventilation, AC, plumbing, replace single pane windows, tech upgrades, furniture replacement)



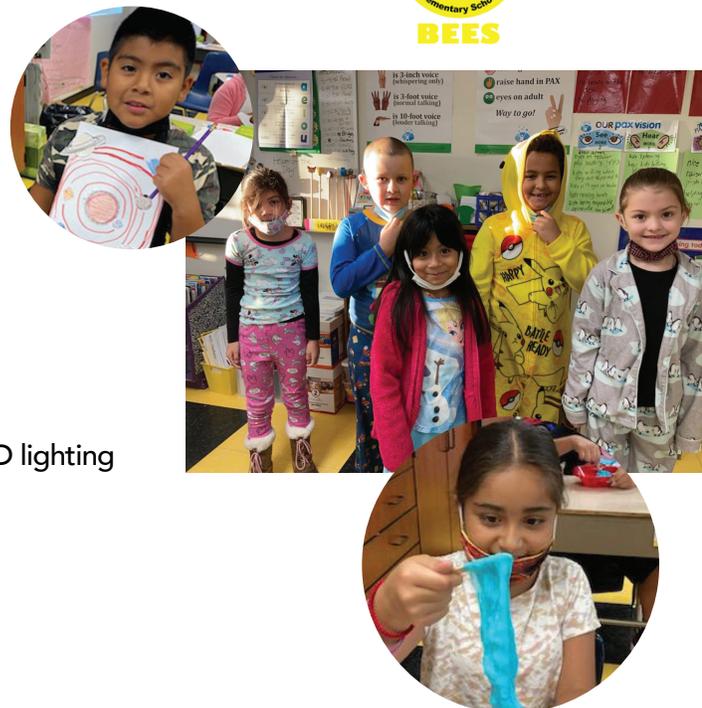
Gervais Middle School (18.3M)

- Create a new dining/performing arts/STEM building with its own entrance (for community events)
- Build a new 8th grade wing (reception/front office, library, maker space, nurse station, Science classroom, classrooms, restrooms)
- Remodel entire 6th/7th wing (enlarge classrooms, add storage, counseling area, staff restrooms)
- Safety & security upgrades
- Gym improvements (flooring, scoreboard, bleachers, remodel locker rooms)
- Build covered walkways to connect gym to classroom wings
- Create a state-of-the-art culinary training facility (for GMS and GHS students)
- Misc. improvements (LED lighting, outdoor learning spaces, new parking area, additional sidewalks, furniture replacement)



Gervais Elementary School (3M)

- Classrooms (improve acoustics, add windows in doors, replace furniture, upgrade storage)
- Remodel library to support STEM activities
- Remodel restrooms
- Replace bleachers in gym
- Enlarge covered area outside the gym
- Add security vestibule at front/Improve ADA accessibility to building
- Strengthen doors/improve security features at exterior doors
- Repave drop-off lane
- Misc. (repair roof, replace windows, paint, HVAC upgrades, LED lighting upgrades, furniture replacement)





5 Things to Know About the Gervais School District Proposed Bond Measure

If the proposed bond measure passes, the State of Oregon would award the Gervais School District a grant of \$4 million to help fund proposed projects. If the bond does not pass, the district does not receive the grant.

If the proposed bond measure passes, property taxpayers would pay \$2.21 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Keep in mind assessed value is less expensive than assessed market value. Market value is what a person could sell their home which is more than assessed value. The average assessed property values in the City of Gervais is \$145,000 which means if passed, the bond would cost this taxpayer an additional \$28 per month.

If the proposed bond measure passes, the Gervais School District would be able to finish the middle school including additions of a cafeteria, library and science classrooms.

If the proposed bond measure passes, the Bond would address needed HVAC improvements in the elementary school as well as other projects identified as keeping the building "warm, safe and dry."

If the proposed bond measure passes, the Bond would fund the \$2.2 million roof replacement at the high school as well as other needed upgrades and additions necessary to provide competitive educational and athletic programs compared to other local high schools.

For more information visit:

gervais.k12.or.us

Click on "**Gervais Bond Measure**"

