

# BondFAQs

*This is the second informational flyer sent by the district in relation to the May 2022 bond. If you have a question that has not been addressed, please let the district know.*

October 2022



## How much would it cost to do the following?

### Build a new ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?

\$65 million



### Build a new MIDDLE SCHOOL?

\$43 million



### Connect a "MIDDLE SCHOOL WING" to the HIGH SCHOOL?

\$41 million



### Remodel the HIGH SCHOOL into a MIDDLE SCHOOL?

\$8.6 million



### Build a new HIGH SCHOOL?

\$79.6 million

### Why doesn't the district get grants to do some of these projects?

The district has a grant writer and applies for grants as they become available. However, there are very few grants, either publicly or privately funded, available to use for capital improvement projects. This is why districts throughout the state and nation have to pass bonds to pay for major facility improvements.



### Why are these costs so high? Does the district get bids and pick the lowest bidder?

All districts are required to engage in a bidding process but are also required to award contracts based on prevailing wage, so districts have less negotiating power compared to a private person constructing their own home.

## SCHOOL TOURS

On September 15, 2022, the Gervais City Council and the Gervais School District Board of Directors held a joint work session and toured all three buildings in the district. During the tour, city councilors and the mayor had the opportunity to see firsthand the state of the district facilities and to ask questions about the projects that were proposed in the failed May 2022 bond. Each person was provided with a breakdown of the identified repairs and remodels including costs, as well as which projects the Pre-Bond Planning Committee had eliminated because they were too expensive or not high enough on the priority list. The architect was also present to answer questions about project costs or logistics concerning repair and replacement of facilities.

At the end of the tours, the councilors and the board members reconvened at the district office to discuss what they saw and learned and what next steps should occur.

The boys' locker room has one working toilet, two urinals, and three make-shift showers. Most of the plumbing, tile and fixtures are original.



A high school student explained that for the larger science classes, the lab spaces are too small and the equipment such as sinks, gas lines, ventilation hoods, and electrical access have not been updated since the building opened. Science courses and requirements have changed significantly since then.

The middle school does not have science class rooms.

The middle school hallways are too small and overcrowded. The classrooms are undersized and the 8th grade modulars, constructed in the 1990s, have no bathroom facilities. The middle school also has no science classrooms.



The elementary school has poor ADA access to the building and needs an HVAC system to replace the boiler.

Gervais School District  
90 First Street/Po Box 100  
Gervais, OR 97026



## SAVE THE DATES!

The district will be hosting three informational meetings at the end of October and beginning of November where the public can ask questions about projects the bond would have funded, provide feedback to the district on a future bond, and take guided tours.



**October 25th**  
Gervais High School  
6 p.m.

**October 26th**  
Gervais Middle School  
6 p.m.



**November 2nd**  
Gervais Middle School  
6 p.m. (meeting held in Spanish)

More information to come!

