

SCHOOL FACILITIES BOND MEASURE

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

BOND WORK NEARLY COMPLETE

Dear Community Member:

We are pleased to share this annual report to provide you with information about the latest round of school district facilities projects funded by the 2006 bond measure.

When we proposed the bond measure, we made a number of commitments to the community. We said that we would increase access to technology, repair and protect building shells, upgrade plumbing, increase energy efficiency, make health and life safety upgrades, increase accessibility and upgrade outdoor facilities.

Now, four years later, bond projects large and small have touched every school in the district, based on the recommended priorities that were clearly outlined in the extensive 2006 Facilities Advisory Committee report prepared by staff and community members.

In this struggling economy, it's especially important to maximize resources. The work that we've been able to do will protect your investment in our schools by extending the life of the buildings. Bond funds can only be used for capital projects, but they also help the district with our ongoing budget challenges. This up-front investment will save operational funds over time due to more energy efficient equipment and systems, along with reduced ongoing maintenance costs.

Even better, we have been able to leverage these bond funds even further by using them to obtain other grant funding. This has allowed us to accomplish even more than we originally thought we could do.

We want to thank you, again, Springfield, for investing in our schools and having faith in our stewardship. With your help, our schools are safer, more secure, more energy efficient and more technologically fit than they were five years ago.

We've made great progress, but we still have many needs. With 20 of our 25 schools more than 30 years of age, we must continue to evaluate our ongoing facilities priorities and their costs.

We appreciate your support as we continue to pursue our vision: **"Every student a graduate prepared for a bright and successful future."**

Nancy Golden
Superintendent

Garry Weber, Chair
Springfield School Board

*Thank you, Springfield,
for investing in our
schools!*

Every Student a Graduate Prepared for a Bright and Successful Future



Thurston Performing Arts



flooring



accessibility



entrance security



energy efficiency



student safety



roofs



security

2010 Bond Basics Projects

Last summer was the fourth summer of bond-related improvements to Springfield schools.

Security & Student Safety: A number of schools received security improvements, taking the district another step closer to achieving our goals to improve security at all schools.

The entrance to Briggs Middle School was remodeled according to Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, or CPTED, principles. The new



fencing and remodel of the office entryway will restrict entry, improve visibility and help keep unauthorized people off the grounds by routing visitors through the front office.



The district's five middle schools each received new key card access and centralized lockdown buttons to improve security.

Springfield High's locker room area received some improvements that will improve staff supervision of students.



Energy Efficiency: Students and staff at Douglas Gardens Elementary and Page Elementary will teach and learn in comfort thanks to new, energy-efficient boilers. At Page, the upgrade gained enough space to allow for more storage space to be added.



Thurston High gained a new heating and ventilating unit in a portion of the school.

New Roofs: Brattain Elementary and Thurston Middle School are sporting new roofs to protect the buildings' shells.



New Floors: Centennial Elementary's cracked and uneven gym floor was replaced and asbestos removed, resulting in an improved space for student and community use.



Accessibility: In accordance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a number of modifications were completed this summer to improve accessibility in the entranceways and parking lots at each of the middle schools.



protecting the
COMMUNITY'S INVESTMENT

2010 Bond Basics Projects

A New Approach to Performing Arts: Bond funds enabled the Thurston High Auditorium entrance and lobby area to receive a much-needed makeover with a new name to match: Thurston Performing Arts Center.



The district took the opportunity to not only repair existing leak damage but also to rethink the design and layout to create an improved multiuse space that would better support and embrace the arts.

New features include a covered courtyard to shelter patrons and students in inclement weather, an improved vending area, a new box office and a

display system to showcase student art.

In keeping with the district's "green" philosophy, the design takes advantage of daylighting to reduce electrical needs, and even features spiffy Enviroglass countertops made from recycled glass and mirrors.

The result: a more professional, more welcoming and more useful space for the wide

variety of students, staff and community members who cross the threshold every year.

"I like the new lobby space because it reflects the talent within." —Conrad, 11th-grade performer

Leveraging Resources



Key Cards at Elementary Schools: A partnership with the city of Springfield is enabling the district to install card locks in the 10 elementary schools within city limits. (Maple and Thurston schools had card

locks installed during the construction process.) The city and school district collaborated to obtain grant funds from the federal Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, or COPS. The district was able to access the grant by posting bond funds as a match. Additional funds are being sought to be able to install card locks at the remaining outlying elementary schools.

Security Cameras at Middle Schools: A similar arrangement provided funding for the installation of security cameras at the middle schools last summer to monitor all access points and the school grounds, building on previous projects to improve school security at the middle and high school levels. The district again worked in partnership with the city of Springfield and used bond funds to leverage the grant funding.

New Lighting at Hamlin Ballfield: Through another partnership with the city of Springfield, the district again used bond funds as leverage to obtain a American Reinvestment and Recovery Act grant to replace the field lighting at Hamlin Middle School's south ballfield, John Young Field. The Hamlin ballfields are used by various community groups, as well as the Springfield High baseball team.

The original lighting was installed in the late 1960s by the Springfield Rotary Club in conjunction with the Springfield Baseball Commission.

The new lighting will improve energy efficiency and improve the playing experience for the teams. The project will pay for itself over time through reduced maintenance, repair and energy costs throughout the next 25 years.



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Final 2011 Projects

Key goal:
Maximize
the benefit
of bond
funds
by using
them to
obtain
grant
funds

Careful fiscal and project management over the last four years has left us with a bit of funding left over for a few more projects.

To make the most of these funds, the district plans to use them to leverage, or match, grant funds to enable larger projects that are needed. (See the "Leveraging Resources" section for more detail.)

Several projects are being considered, including the purchase of mounting hardware to expand the number of classrooms in the district that have ceiling-mounted projectors, which teachers find very helpful in their instruction. The district hopes to again use bond funds as a match to obtain grant funding for the projectors.

~ Next year's final Bond Annual Report will provide a summary of all the work completed. ~

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Thanks, Springfield!



Every Student a Graduate Prepared for a Bright and Successful Future

With your help, we've...

► **Protected the shell of our buildings!**

- 300,000 sq.ft. of roofing materials replaced at 10 schools
- 56,500 sq.ft. of siding replaced at 11 schools

► **Improved comfort for students and staff, and increased energy efficiency!**

- 12 new boilers installed in 8 schools
- New heating systems installed at 3 schools

► **Made schools safer and more secure!**

- Entrance security upgraded at 6 schools
- 2,700 feet of security fencing at 5 schools
- Key card access added to 5 middle schools and 4 high schools

► **Improved access to 21st century technology standards!**

- Fiberoptic network and high-speed wiring added to 6 schools
- 113 classrooms wired for ceiling-mounted projectors

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