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## **New Crosswalks at THS Part of a Larger Plan to Enhance Student Pedestrian Safety**

**Springfield, Ore.** – City of Springfield crews started work today on a new Rapid Flashing Beacon Pedestrian Crossing at 58<sup>th</sup> & South A St. to improve student pedestrian safety when arriving or leaving school.

"We are grateful to the City of Springfield, Mayor Lundberg and the school district for their vision in helping us improve the safety and accessibility of pedestrian routes for our students," said Thurston High Principal Chad Towe.

The work is part of a larger vision forged by Towe and school leadership to provide students with safer access to the campus from area neighborhoods. Towe said he has been working with the city and school district for two years to bring this vision to fruition.

Also in the works is the creation of a "continental crosswalk" with painted dashes across the campus parking lot to provide a clear path for students to access the entrance to the school. The crosswalk will also connect directly to a new concrete path donated by the Classes of 2012, 2013 and 2104 that leads to the Thurston memorial on campus.

The city's work is expected to be completed by the start of the school year, at which time a short ceremony is planned.

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