

SHSD UPDATES

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St. Helens School District

Listening Session



Thank you to those who were able to join us for our third District Listening Session last night at Lewis & Clark Elementary with Superintendent Stockwell.

As a district, we appreciate and value the thoughts, opinions, and ideas shared during the meeting.



Thank You

St. Helens High School

Bond

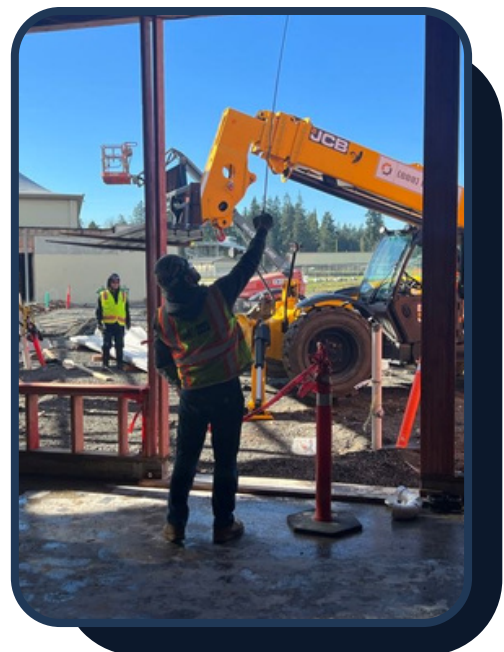


Bond Q&As

With the high school bond fast approaching, we are working on developing some Q&As to provide our community with the information needed to make an informed decision.

We would love to hear from our community and be able to answer your questions in regard to the high school bond. We ask that you send your questions to our Director of Communications, [Stacey Mendoza](#), so that we may work through each question to provide a response.

We have received a few questions that we would like to address at this time.



In the video circulating about the bond, many are asking, how do we have a bond that we will not have to pay back? I understand there is a matching grant for the \$4M, but how is the other portion of the \$4M free? Could you please clarify that a bond doesn't have to be paid by taxpayers?

The short answer is due to the repayment of the current bonds combined with community growth there is "room" to add \$4 million without increasing the current rate nor length of repayment.

When voters approved the High School Improvement Bond in 2020, it was estimated the total tax rate would be \$2.31 per assessed value of \$1,000.

Property owners in the district are currently paying a total Bond rate of \$2.28 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

If the Measure passes, the total projected tax will be \$2.28 per \$1,000 of assessed value; the same as what is currently being paid and .03 cents less than originally projected.

The District can do this due to the repayment of the current bonds combined with community growth within the District.

If passed, what are some improvements the bond measure would pay for?

If passed, Measure 5-295 would fund the following projects that are reduced or eliminated from the High School Improvement Project:

- Updating HVAC throughout
- Paving the parking lots
- Updating CTE Programs
- Covered area outside the commons
- Updating the auditorium
- Updating the locker rooms
- Turfing the baseball and softball fields



THE BRIGHT SIDE OF THE NEWS

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Featured: St. Helens Middle School

Students at St. Helens Middle School are studying a storyline of a student with an unknown illness. St. Helens Middle School science teacher, Beth Davis, works with her students to gather evidence as they try to determine the cause. Students are using a dialysis tube modeling system to test to see what molecules pass through the small intestine.

Students work in collaboration with one another, using hands-on skills, data, and a series of research to discover the unknown illness.



IF I WERE MAYOR...

STUDENT CONTEST



Montan Reading



Cinobia Arceneaux

The St. Helens City Council invited local students to share their creative ideas about what they would do if they were the mayor of St. Helens, Oregon. The "If I Were Mayor..." Student Contest is held in partnership with the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA) and was open to all students who reside within the St. Helens School District boundaries and are enrolled in school or being home-schooled for the 2022-2023 school year.

CONGRATULATIONS



KAYLA

BISSELL

Courtesy Photo

Congratulations to Kayla Bissell for being one of four local students chosen to receive a scholarship from the Ford Family Foundation to sing at Carnegie Hall in 2024.

[The Chronicle Newspaper Article](#)

National Assistant Principals Week

April 3-7, 2023

National Assistant Principals Week, April 3–7, 2023, is a great time to honor assistant principals' contributions to our education system and student success.

This week is dedicated to assistant principals who play a crucial role and for their hard work and dedication to students, staff, and families.

We appreciate and recognize our Assistant Principals for their steadfast leadership and tireless efforts to support the students and staff of the St. Helens School District.

Please join us in celebrating our incredible assistant principals and school leaders!



Mark Janke
St. Helens
Middle School



Ted Hirning
St. Helens
High School



Nicole Hilton
St. Helens
High School



Michael Lady
St. Helens
High School

CURRICULUM ADOPTION

English Language Development Core Adoption Math Adoption

The St. Helens School District is finalizing its Curriculum Resource Adoption for English Language Development and Math adoption materials.

The process begins with teachers applying to be on the teams to begin the adoption work. A wide variety of teachers are selected to represent all schools and grade levels.

Once the teacher experts are assembled, they review the state standards that drive instruction so they can select materials that best fit our community while aligning with state requirements.

The next step in the process is for the team to review best teaching practices and then share those practices with their schools.

Finally, the teams from both the English Language Development Team and the Math Team review the materials with staff input and make final recommendations to the School Board for review and to hear any community comments. Although no adoption is perfect, the English Language Development Curriculum Resource Adoption Team and the Math Team believe these are the best resources available to help students meet state standards.

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CURRICULUM ADOPTION CONTINUED . . .

English Language Development Core Adoption Math Adoption

Please use the links to watch video tours of the selected materials.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT CORE ADOPTION MATERIALS

MATH ADOPTION MATERIALS

The English Language Development Core Adoption Materials will be on the April 12, 2023, School Board Work Session agenda. Any comments can be directed to sb502@sthelens.k12.or.us.

The Math Adoption Materials will be on the April, 26, 2023, School Board agenda for approval. Any comments can be directed to sb502@sthelens.k12.or.us.



PROMISE OF OREGON



"I am the Promise of Oregon because I want to be a veterinarian so I can help animals of all kinds."

- Jemma-Lou McCartney,
McBride Elementary, St. Helens SD

the
Promise
OF OREGON

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Promise Kids

- Russell Treat
- Cassidy McGregor
- Finley Brummer
- Nate Peau
- Esteban Gabriel Molina
- Paula Perez-Tapia
- Ayla Sorber
- C.J. Washington
- Landyn Alberston
- Derick Smith
- Emilio Munoz
- Logan Bell
- Joshua Olson
- Sarah Cobabe
- Hailey Holcomb
- Natalia Navaro-Orozco
- **Jemma-Lou McCartney**
- Phoenix Lince
- Karlie Sprague
- Logan Hair
- Gena Smith
- Griffin Sexton
- Kaiya Lujano
- Loreali Moore
- Isaac Polvogt

The Oregon School Boards Association, a non-profit member services organization based in Salem, founded "The Promise of Oregon" campaign in 2014 to focus attention on the accomplishments of Oregon's K-14 students and the need to adequately fund public education. Through its photographs, videos, and stories, the campaign highlights the aspirations of students and demonstrates their incredible accomplishments and potential.

St. Helens School District will be one of four districts featured in this year's Promise campaign. As a district, this is a huge honor to have our students participate and be featured in this campaign. Districts across the state apply to have their school district recognized, as it is a very competitive campaign with only four districts being chosen to participate. We are so proud to be one of the four districts selected!

Our St. Helens student featured as the "Promise Kid" today is Jemma-Lou McCartney from McBride Elementary.

Congratulations, Jemma-Lou!

ST. HELENS SCHOOL DISTRICT

KINDERGARTEN WELCOME EVENT

**Columbia City Elementary
Lewis & Clark Elementary
McBride Elementary**

**MAY 4TH
5:30 PM- 7:00 PM**

EVENT INCLUDES:

- tour the school
- ride a school bus
- student activities
- registration information

WHAT TO BRING:

- birth certificate
- proof of address
- immunization records



S T. DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE HELENS

JARDIN DE NIÑOS EVENTO DE BIENVENIDA

**Primaria de la ciudad de Columbia
Escuela Primaria Lewis & Clark
Primaria McBride**

**4 DE MAYO
5:30 PM- 7:00 PM**

EL EVENTO INCLUYE:

- recorrer la escuela
- viajar en un autobús escolar
- actividades estudiantiles
- información de registro

QUE TRAER:

- certificado de nacimiento
- comprobante de domicilio
- registros de inmunización



REMINDER

A chalkboard with the text "NO SCHOOL" written in large, white, 3D block letters. Below it, the date "April 14, 2023" is written in a white, cursive script.

NO SCHOOL
April 14, 2023

**There is no school on Friday,
April 14, 2023, for all SHSD
students for a scheduled
Teacher Work Day.**

ST. HELENS SCHOOL DISTRICT 2023-2024 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY 2023					Tchr Days	Stu Days
M	T	W	T	F		
3	4	5	6	7	0	0
10	11	12	13	14	0	0
17	18	19	20	21	0	0
24	25	26	27	28	0	0
31					0	0
					0	0

AUGUST 2023					Tchr Days	Stu Days
M	T	W	T	F		
	1	2	3	4	0	0
7	8	9	10	11	0	0
14	15	16	17	18	0	0
21	22	23	24	25	0	0
28PD	29PD	TWD	TWD		4	0
					4	0

SEPTEMBER 2023					Tchr Days	Stu Days
M	T	W	T	F		
				1	0	0
4H	5	6	7	8	5	4
11	12	13	14	15	5	5
18	19	20	21	22	5	5
25	26	27	28	29	5	5
					20	19

OCTOBER 2023					Tchr Days	Stu Days
M	T	W	T	F		
2	3	4	5	6	4	4
9	10	11	12	1	4	4
16	17	18	19	20	5	5
23	24	25	26	27	5	5
30	31				2	2
					20	20

NOVEMBER 2023					Tchr Days	Stu Days
M	T	W	T	F		
		1	2	3	3	3
6	7	EQ	TWD	10H	5	3
13	14	15	16	17	5	5
20E	21D	22	23H	24	3	0
27	28	29	30		4	4
					20	15

DECEMBER 2023					Tchr Days	Stu Days
M	T	W	T	F		
				1	1	1
4	5	6	7	8	5	5
11	12	13	14	15	5	5
18	19	20	21	22	0	0
25	26	27	28	29	0	0
					11	11

JANUARY 2024					Tchr Days	Stu Days
M	T	W	T	F		
1H	2	3	4	5	4	4
8	9	10	11	12	5	5
15H	16	17	18	19	4	4
22	23	24	25	26	5	5
29	30	31			3	3
					21	21

FEBRUARY 2024					Tchr Days	Stu Days
M	T	W	T	F		
			EQ	TWD	2	1
5	6	7	8	9	5	5
12	13	14	15	16	5	5
19H	20	21	22	23	5	4
26	27	28	29		4	4
					21	19

MARCH 2024					Tchr Days	Stu Days
M	T	W	T	F		
				1	1	1
4	5	6	7	8	5	5
11	12	13	14	15	5	5
18	19	20	21	22	5	5
25	26	27	28	29	0	0
					16	16

APRIL 2024					Tchr Days	Stu Days
M	T	W	T	F		
1	2	3	4	5	5	5
8	9	10	EQ	TWD	5	4
15	16	17	18	19	5	5
22	23	24	25	26	5	5
29	30				2	2
					22	21

MAY 2024					Tchr Days	Stu Days
M	T	W	T	F		
		1	2	3	3	3
6	7	8	9	10	5	5
13	14	15	16	17	5	5
20	21	22	23	24	5	5
27H	28	29	30	31	5	4
					23	22

JUNE 2024					Tchr Days	Stu Days
M	T	W	T	F		
3	4	5	6	7	5	5
10	11	12	13	14	5	5
TWD	18	19H	20	21	1	0
24	25	26	27	28	0	0
					0	0
					11	10

H	Holiday-All paid except for 1/1 & 1/15 No School for staff or students
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PD	Professional Development Day - No School for students
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TWD	Teacher Work Day - No School for students
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	Non Contract Day - No School for staff or students
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	First Day of School
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EQ	End of quarter - staff & student attend (11/9-early release)
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	K-12 Early Release
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I	State Teacher Inservice Day No School
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	Conferences-No School for students D=Day E=Evening
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	Last Day of School - early release
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EC	Emergency Closure Make up Days (if needed)
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End of 1st Quarter	
November 8, 2023	
45 Days	
End of 2nd Quarter	
February 1, 2024	
42 Days	
End of 3rd Quarter	
April 11, 2024	
43 Days	
End of 4th Quarter/Semester	
June 14, 2024	
44 Days	
Total Student Days	174

Last Day for Seniors: TBD	
Senior Awards: TBD	
Senior Assembly Staff & Students: TBD	
Graduation: TBD	

Teacher Days	189
Student Days	175

Adopted by School Board _____ - *Please note: The 2023-2024 calendar is subject to change.

August 28 & 29 - Teacher In-Service

August 30 & 31 - Teacher Workday

October 13 - Statewide Inservice

November 9 - Teacher Workday

November 20, 21 - K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences

February 2 - Teacher Workday

April 12 - Teacher Workday

June 14 - Last Day for Students

June 17 - Teacher Workday

June 18, 20, 21, 24 - Emergency Closure Make up Days (if needed)

CONFERENCE HOURS	
11/20/2023	No School w/12pm - 8pm conferences
11/21/2023	No School w/8am - 4pm conferences