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St. Helens School School District

Matching Grant Bond

In March of 2022, the St. Helens School District broke ground on the voter-approved project to update, repair, improve security, and modernize St. Helens High School. We are proud to share that demolition is complete, and that construction has begun on new academic classrooms and wing, commons, CTE, hands-on learning spaces, and auditorium.

Although we have achieved great progress, project costs have escalated due to COVID-19 restrictions, supply chain issues, and inflation, resulting in our district's inability to complete some planned improvements.

To address these challenges, the district has placed a bond on the May 16 ballot. The proposed St. Helens Matching Grant Bond, if passed, would raise \$4 million plus secure a \$4 million matching grant to help fund the following projects at St. Helens High School:

- Update and replace HVAC in gyms
- Improvements to construction and automotive programs
- New covered lunch/courtyard area
- Pave the parking lot
- Update the auditorium
- Install synthetic turf at the softball and baseball fields

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Proposed Measure 5-295, if passed, would maintain the existing tax rate of \$2.28 per \$1,000 of assessed value. If the measure does not pass, the tax rate of \$2.28 will drop by .07 cents to \$2.21 per thousand. For a home assessed at \$300,000, a homeowner would save \$1.75 a month if the measure doesn't pass.

You can find more information, a complete list of proposed projects, and Frequently Asked Questions online at www.StHelensSchoolBond.org. The St. Helens School District Matching Grant Bond proposal can be found on the ballot as Measure 5-295.

We encourage you to vote in this current election and in all elections.



THE PROPOSED ST. HELENS SCHOOL DISTRICT MATCHING GRANT BOND

MEASURE 5-295 IS ON THE MAY 2023 BALLOT



5 Things to Know About the Proposed Bond:

- 1** Measure 5-295 is on the May 2023 Ballot
- 2** If passed, 100% of bond funds would be used for the completion of St. Helens High School

If passed, the bond would:

- 3** Maintain the existing tax rate of \$2.28 per \$1,000 of assessed value
- 4** Allow the district to receive a \$4 million matching grant from the state
- 5** Fund the completion of health, safety, and security projects at St. Helens High School

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WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT?

St. Helens School District Measure

5-295 BONDS TO SECURE A STATE MATCHING GRANT AND COMPLETE THE HIGH SCHOOL

Question: Shall district update, repair High School, issue \$4 million in bonds, receive \$4 million state matching grant, no estimated tax rate increase?

Why is the District Proposing Measure 5-295?

In March of 2022, the St. Helens School District broke ground on the voter approved project to update, repair, improve security, and modernize St. Helens High School. Demolition has been completed and construction has begun on new academic classrooms and wing, commons, CTE, hands-on learning spaces, and auditorium.

Project costs have escalated due to COVID-19 restrictions, supply chain issues, and inflation, resulting in the inability to complete some planned improvements.

The District seeks voter approval to issue \$4 million in bonds to qualify for a 1:1 matching grant from the state.

1:1 State Matching Grant

If passed, the District would receive a 1:1 matching grant of \$4 million from the State of Oregon.

Maintains Existing Tax Rate

If passed, the measure is expected to maintain the current tax rate of \$2.28 per \$1,000.



If passed, what would the proposed Measure fund?

The proposed Bond would raise \$4 million plus secure \$4 million matching grant (only if passed) to help fund the following projects at St. Helens High School:

- Update and replace HVAC in gyms
- Pave the parking lot
- Improvements to construction and automotive programs
- Update the auditorium
- New covered lunch/courtyard area
- Install synthetic turf at the softball and baseball fields

If passed, what would Measure 5-295 cost taxpayers?

The proposed Measure 5-295, if passed, would maintain the existing tax rate of \$2.28 per \$1,000 of assessed value. If the measure does not pass, the tax rate \$2.28 will drop by .07 cents to \$2.21 per thousand. For a home assessed at \$300,000, a homeowner would save \$1.75 a month if the measure doesn't pass.

MUFFIN EVENT



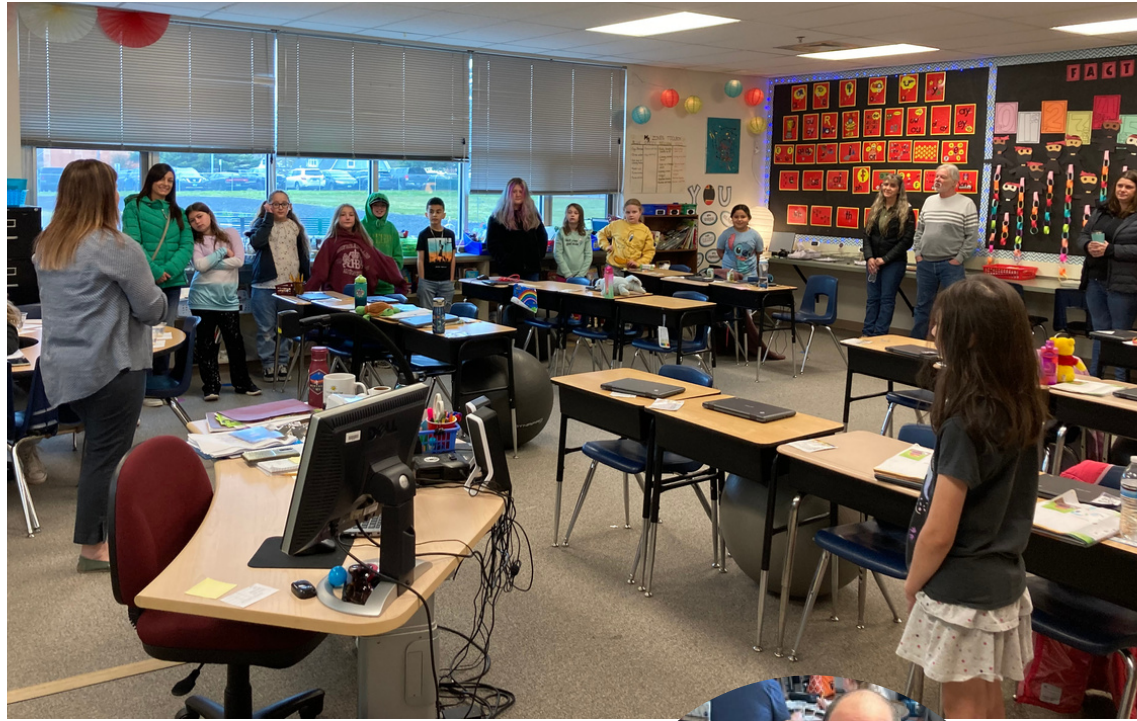
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COLUMBIA CITY LEWIS & CLARK MCBRIDE



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Payton Telling

Rotary Student of the Month

APRIL



Congratulations!

Payton Telling is a thoughtful, kind, and artistically talented student. Recognizing her leadership in the Metals and Rapid Manufacturing CTE program, her teacher proposed that Payton take on the role of developing the student-run enterprise, Lions Manufacturing. She immediately gathered the small group of advanced students into a cohesive working team. As a team they began planning and designing a product line to sell at the High Schools Bands Christmas Bazaar. Her talent for design and perseverance allowed her to hold staff meetings to discuss product types and design. She brought these students together to analyze and discuss each design to make them better. She has gained her peers' trust and respect and due to her accomplishments and leadership, this is the most successful and sustainable that Lions Manufacturing has ever been.

While being a shy and modest person, she has maintained over a 3.6 GPA, is active in our Gender and Sexuality Alliance club, and mentors two students who will take over the lead role upon her graduation in June. Her leadership and service to others are commendable.

Payton has taken her love for manufacturing to the next level. She has decided to create something to be used and enjoyed by other students for years to come. Payton plans to continue in the Manufacturing Industry, and she is headed to Portland Community College to study industrial manufacturing and CNC processing. We are looking forward to seeing how her ethical compassion affects the manufacturing industry.

For these reasons and more, The Columbia County Rotary Club and St. Helens High School are pleased to honor Payton Telling as the April Rotary Student of the Month.

Congratulations, Payton!

Pearl Hilton

Elks Teen of the Month

MARCH



St. Helens High School is pleased to announce that Pearl Hilton has been selected as the Elks Student of the Month. Pearl is an outstanding student, leader, and enthusiastic member of the school and local community. Pearl was selected by a team of teachers for her passion for learning, her contributions to class discussion, and her humanity towards everyone at our school.

What were your first thoughts once you learned you were selected?

I was taken aback, but my surprise quickly turned to embarrassment as Meeuwsen shook my hand in front of everyone in our civics class.

What activities, sports, and clubs do you participate in, and what honors have you received?

I've been playing clarinet since sixth grade, and I've been in Wind Ensemble all four years of high school. I started Colorguard in eighth grade and became a co-captain last spring. Also, last spring, I was voted into the Senior Class Secretary position, making this my first year in leadership.

What volunteer activities or work have you participated in? Describe them.

I began working at Cub's Corner Childcare at the beginning of my junior year and have been a student worker since then. The kids never fail to brighten my day, whether I'm working or we're crossing paths out and about in town.

What are your future plans? Where will you go, and what do you plan on doing?

This fall, I will be attending Oregon State University through its honors program. I plan to study "biochemistry and molecular biology" and, after my undergraduate, enter the world of medicine or education.

Congratulations, Pearl!

Les Schwab Tire-Less Teacher



Hannah Davies is an incredibly skilled school counselor, mental health support provider, academic advisor, and mentor. Much of her best work is done behind the scenes and is confidential, so she doesn't often get the recognition she deserves.

She's a quiet but fierce advocate for all of her students and will go out of her way to help them access their education and work toward their postsecondary goals while also empowering them to take ownership of their own educational path and make informed choices.

She takes the time to really listen to and get to know the students she works with and remains strengths-based, non-judgmental, and student-centered in all the work she does. She has a calm, supportive demeanor and is great at helping students regulate when in crisis.

Hannah also excels at big-picture thinking and looking at all aspects of the high school experience with an equity lens and an eye toward ensuring that no one gets overlooked.

Congratulations, Hannah!



PROMISE OF OREGON



"I am the Promise of Oregon
because I want to make a
video game."

- Logan Hair,
St. Helens Middle School, St. Helens SD

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Promise
OF OREGON

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 Logan Hair from St. Helens Middle School.

Congratulations, Logan!

ST. HELENS VIRTUAL ACADEMY

SHOWCASE

Date: Thursday, April 27, 2023

Time: 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Elementary &
Secondary
Presentations

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Q&As

7:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Elementary &
Secondary
Presentations

Location: Plymouth High School
470 North 16th Street
St. Helens, OR 97051

Come and find out all that we have
to offer and see if we are a good fit
for your student's success.

Two
times to
choose
from

Students who attend St. Helens Virtual
Academy can also participate in SHHS
sports, activities, and clubs.



CELEBRATE

April is **SCHOOL LIBRARY** *month*

Celebrated during April, School Library Month is a celebration of school librarians, media specialists, and school libraries.

School librarians and media specialists do so much each day in collaboration with teachers to support the work in the classroom. They help instill a love for reading, imagination, and adventure.

Please help us celebrate School Library Month and show appreciation for our hard-working librarians and media specialist within the district.



- Carlie Christiansen - Lewis & Clark Elementary
- Hannah Hinsz - Columbia City Elementary
- Gail Kearsley - St. Helens High School
- Lisa Long - St. Helens Middle School
- Gwen Mays - St. Helens High School
- Julie Nelson - McBride Elementary

National Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 16 – April 22, 2023, a time to recognize and celebrate all of the amazing volunteers within the St. Helens School District.

Volunteers can make a big difference in the educational experience for our students. From helping out in the classroom, supervising a field trip, to reading with students, volunteers are an invaluable contribution to the education of students.



The St. Helens School District appreciates and recognizes our dedicated volunteers who support, encourage, and provide sincere contact with students.

If you are interested in volunteering at one of our schools

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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



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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

