

# SHSD UPDATES



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## St. Helens School School District

# Matching Grant Bond

As voters are receiving their ballots, we wanted to share a quick 60-second video on the five things to know about Measure 5-295 - the St. Helens School District Matching Grant Bond.

You can also learn all about the Bond by clicking the link below.

**60-SECOND VIDEO: St. Helens School District Matching Grant Bond - Measure 5-295**

## Question of the Week:

There is language in the document that states "including" the projects you have mentioned but does not explain what the money will be allocated to.

## Bond Video

[CLICK HERE](#)

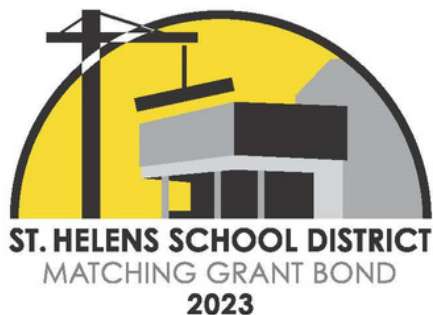
The potential items being considered for funding are listed on the ballot measure. With any construction project, costs may change and limit what can be added back to the construction project.

The following have been prioritized but are not in a particular order until the School Board decides:

- Update and replace HVAC in gyms
- Improvements to Construction & Automotive Programs
- Covered lunch/courtyard area
- Pave Parking lot
- Update Auditorium
- Synthetic Turf at Softball and Baseball Fields

## Bond Page

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# 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.

# LET'S PLAY!



Students at McBride  
Elementary enjoy time on the  
new playground equipment!




# OUTDOOR FUN!



Students at McBride Elementary enjoyed the fresh air and sunshine as they read books and spent some time in the garden!



# PROMISE OF OREGON



"I am the Promise of Oregon  
because I want to be a singer  
when I grow up to make  
people happy."

- Gena Smith,  
McBride Elementary, St. Helens SD

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*the*  
**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 Gena Smith from McBride Elementary.***

**Congratulations, Gena!**

**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

