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Fall 2023

# Hillsboro

School District



He's a World Champion Kung Fu gold medalist and Century high school junior. See the Student Achievement Spotlight on [page 3](#).



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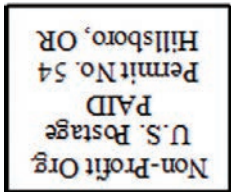


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## Superintendent’s Message

### First 100 Days

One of the things I prepared last spring as part of my application for the superintendent position was a detailed “entry plan,” in which I outlined how I would ensure a smooth transition of leadership for the Hillsboro School District.

My opening statement was this: “I believe public education to be the bedrock of democracy and thriving communities in our country. At our best, we can offer abundant opportunities to talented young people, helping them to become empowered, to dream big, and to achieve their goals. My purpose is to make schools the best they can be for each student.”

You might expect this kind of statement to come from any idealistic first-year, but I want to reassure you that I approach this work with both aspirational optimism and experienced pragmatism. Having been an educator for more than 20 years and serving at all levels of K-12 education, I understand the very real challenges faced by our students, staff, families, community, and global society. I also understand that this is the only time our current 3rd graders will be 3rd graders, 9th graders will be 9th graders, seniors will be seniors, and so on. These students need the best we have to give them right now. Not in a year. Not in three years. So there is urgency in the work we do. And Hillsboro can be a great place to be a kid, for all of our children.

### Collaborative Launch of the Strategic Plan

That is why I am so excited about the launch of our new 2023-2027 Strategic Plan. This is our district’s fifth strategic plan since unification in the late 1990s. And while all of our previous plans articulated our mission, goals, and focus areas as we endeavored to increase the achievement of all students, I would argue that none has been as rigorously and thoroughly implemented as this one will be.

Already, district staff have developed internal systems for collecting and monitoring data for the fifteen metrics we are tracking in support of our work to ensure that every student graduates from our system prepared for career, college, and life. Of those fifteen, we have identified five key performance targets that together will serve as a bellwether for our progress toward this goal: reading in 3rd grade; regular, on-time attendance; participation in extracurricular activities;

on-track to graduate by the end of 9th grade; and graduation from/completion of high school.

You are now able to see an infographic with our current status in each of these areas on our new Strategic Plan Dashboard ([hsd.k12.or.us/spdashboard](https://hsd.k12.or.us/spdashboard)). As we are able to update the dashboard with new data, we will start indicating changes over time. Next summer, once we have a full year of data, we will compile a report with information on our progress toward all fifteen metrics.

If you have not yet taken our annual Strategic Plan Parent and Community Survey, please take a few moments to do so by Thursday, Nov. 30. The results of the survey will be analyzed along with those from our student survey next spring to see where adjustments to our plan need to be made heading into the 2024-25 school year.

Survey link English: [www.hsd.k12.or.us/spsurvey](https://www.hsd.k12.or.us/spsurvey)  
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### Leadership for Instructional Excellence

One vestige of my prior role as Assistant Superintendent of Academic Services is a deep knowledge of and involvement in the variety of programs and partnerships that are opening doors for students to explore pathways to high-wage, high-demand jobs of the future. Hillsboro School District is a recognized leader in the field of Career and College Pathways, with sixty-two different offerings for students, such as manufacturing, construction, health services, aerospace, biotechnology, diesel mechanics, fire science, and many others.

I currently sit on the Governor’s Workforce Talent and Development Board as its first K-12 representative. I am also a member of the Future Ready Oregon Manufacturing Consortium - one of three consortia that is directly influencing workforce education and sector-specific industry training. Both of these memberships allow me to stay aware of broader efforts underway to bolster economic development and workforce readiness across the state, and to broker partnerships that will lead to more opportunities for our students.

One of those partnerships is with the City of Hillsboro, Portland Community College (PCC), and Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center (VGMHC). Together, we are planning an expansion to the health and education district in downtown Hillsboro on Block 56, in which HSD will provide the property (with the assistance of Gain Share money from the City) and PCC and VGMHC will provide the capital to construct a medical and educational training center. I was honored to serve as the emcee for VGMHC’s recent ¡Prospera! gala, where they raised more than \$600,000 in support of current and future programming and projects..

### Relationships, Communication, and Community Engagement

“You can only move at the speed of trust” is a mantra to which I am keenly attuned. I understand that despite my years of service in the Hillsboro School District, I will have to prove myself in the role of superintendent. That is why a majority of my transition plan focused on the development and enhancement of relationships - with my cabinet team, with our staff, with our Board, with students, with families, with the broader community, and with our community partners.

In my first 100 days, I met with leaders from the City of Hillsboro and Hillsboro Police, Hillsboro Schools Foundation, Washington County Chamber, Rotary, PCC, Virginia Garcia, and our district-level Parent Advisory Committees (PACs). I also held our district’s first all-staff kick-off since 2016, which was an amazing and inspiring way to start the 2023-24 school year. In addition, I have been visiting Girls/Boys/Co-ed sports and activities to show my support of our students’ involvement in extracurriculars.

On Oct. 11, Hillsboro Schools Foundation Executive Director Aron Carleson and I hosted a Parent Group Leader Luncheon. More than 60 representatives from our school-based parent groups and parent advisory committees, as well as from our PACs, joined staff to learn more about the District and HSF and share ideas with one another. A week later, on Oct. 18, we held our annual Faith Lunch and welcomed members of our faith community to meet with staff and discuss ways we can work together to best support our students and families.

I have also held listening sessions for licensed and classified staff, as well as Coffee Chats with members of our community. I welcome these opportunities to meet people and have them get to know me better, as well as to answer questions and hear their feedback.

After Winter Break, I will meet with students from each of our high schools. I look forward to hearing all voices - not just those who may seek me out or be the loudest - to ensure I am getting the most complete picture possible of students’ lived experiences in our schools.

These first 100 days have been busy, but also enlightening, inspiring, and invigorating. I am humbled and proud to have been selected as your new superintendent and look forward to the work ahead and the opportunity to have meaningful interactions with each of you.

Respectfully,

Travis Reiman  
Superintendent

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# Student Achievement Spotlight

## World Kung Fu Champion, Casey Lew

Century High School junior Casey Lew might have had a bit of an advantage over his classmates if he received an assignment to write about the highlight of his summer vacation. He could have shared that he medaled at both the Pan American Kung Fu Championships in Markham, Ontario, Canada; and the World Kung Fu Championships in Emeishan, China with 1st and 2nd place finishes.

When Casey was 5 years old, his parents were interested in having him learn martial arts. They selected the U.S. Wushu Center in Portland, which teaches both Wushu (or Kung Fu, in the west) and Tai Chi. Casey preferred Kung Fu and through disciplined attendance at classes three times per week became progressively better.

He has been a member of the U.S. Kung Fu team since he was 10 years old, competing in his first Pan American and World Kung Fu Championships in 2017. At both competitions, he won Gold medals in both the weapons form and hand form of Kung Fu for the 10-12 age bracket. In the second round of competitions in 2019, he had bumped up to the 12-17 age bracket and took home a Bronze for weapon form at the World Championships.



Casey has been a member of the U.S. Kung Fu team since age 10.

The competitions took a pause in 2021 for COVID, then resumed this year in August. The next international competitions are scheduled to be held in 2025.

Aside from getting to travel to cool places like China, Costa Rica, and Canada for these international competitions, Casey remarks simply that: "it's fun to do and feels cool to be able to do the moves well."

Casey will be formally tested for his Black Belt in Kung Fu within the next year, but places little emphasis on that rank. It's more about the discipline and performance than the title.

Aside from Kung Fu, Casey is also a member of Century's Marching and Wind Ensemble Bands as a trumpet player. He also enjoys all outdoor activities, basketball, and playing video games.

He is motivated to go to college, but is unsure of what he wants to study. He is open to continuing with Kung Fu at the collegiate level if his school has a good club.

We think you would *make* it a good club, Casey! Congratulations on all of your accomplishments thus far and best wishes in the future. You make us Proud to be HSD!

## Extracurricular Activities

### Extracurricular Updates

Rian Petrick has been very busy these past two school years as he has resumed a role he previously held as director of extracurricular services. He has been able to leverage generous private donations and community partnerships to vastly expand the number and variety of after-school programs available to historically underrepresented HSD students in grades K-8.

### HSD Soccer League

This fall, HSD partnered with the Hillsboro Rush Soccer Club and the Get on the Bus nonprofit soccer organization to provide a recreational soccer program at eight schools. More than 200 5th and 6th grade students received uniforms, cleats, soccer balls, and shin guards and formed 17 teams at the identified schools. Weekday practices were held at their home school, and Saturday games were held at Brookwood and Tamarack Elementary Schools. Many thanks to the school staff members who coached the teams and to HSD Transportation for providing Saturday shuttles to the game fields.



The fifth and sixth grade soccer program got kids active and engaged.

HSD will offer the soccer program again in 2024-25; however, a new funding source will need to be identified to keep the program running in future years. Questions or leads on potential funding opportunities can be directed to Rian at [petrickr@hsd.k12.or.us](mailto:petrickr@hsd.k12.or.us).

### Athletic and Activity Scholarships

Another way donated funds support HSD students is through a scholarship program. Modeled after the national Every Kid Sports organization ([everykidsports.org](https://everykidsports.org)), our program is only available to HSD students in grades K-8 who qualify for the Free/Reduced meal program. Families with qualifying students may complete an application and have up to \$150 in registration fees paid for the athletic or activity program of their choice.

The scholarship application is currently open and accepting applications: English - <https://tinyurl.com/3n7f2ccn>; Spanish - <https://tinyurl.com/munj83kz> (these can also be found on the Athletics/Activities department page of our website). It will remain open until funds expire. If you would like to contribute to the scholarship fund, please contact Rian at [petrickr@hsd.k12.or.us](mailto:petrickr@hsd.k12.or.us).





# Century Feeder



Century High School

R.A. Brown Middle School

Elementaries:

Butternut Creek | Imlay | Indian Hills

Ladd Acres | Reedville | Tobias

## Century High School

The school year for the Jags is in full swing as Fall sports are coming to a close and students wrapped up the first quarter.



Century students helped get Tamarack ready to open.

In June, Century students helped set up classrooms and built and moved furniture into HSD's newest Elementary School: Tamarack.

Our Health Sciences Program has had visits from community partner healthcare professionals, including Virginia Garcia, Hillsboro School District RNs, and University of Portland RN students.



Health Sciences students with local healthcare professional mentors.

Upcoming Century Events:  
Coin Drive - November 27-December 15  
Band Concert - December 12  
Choir Concert - December 14

## R.A. Brown Middle School

Some exciting events coming up for students at R.A. Brown include a canned food drive, December 4-15; and Spirit Week, January 22-26. During Spirit Week, students participate in fun dress-up days and lunchtime events. Festivities are capped off by the Winter Social on January 26, where students can stay after school to enjoy games, karaoke, music and fun!

## Butternut Creek Elementary School

Butternut Creek started the year with a fun Block Party sponsored by our generous Parent-Teacher Club. We enjoyed having staff join us as we celebrated a new school year with Kona Ice, a piñata, hot dogs, and a beautification project. Thank you to all of our volunteers! We are also very excited about all of our after-school clubs. Some of these are Garden Club, SEL Art Club, Sports Club, and Nature Club. We had so much fun with one of the Harlem Wizards, who came and did a few basketball tricks for our students. Finally, our sixth grade just returned from a great time at Outdoor School!



Butternut Creek had a Block Party!

## Imlay Elementary School

Imlay students completed 4,428 laps (885.6 miles) in our annual Eagle Walk and Roll fundraiser. After donation match dollars come in, we will have raised approximately \$26K. Thank you to all of the volunteers and donors for your support!



Imlay students showing the love for community support.

## Indian Hills Elementary School

We have had a fantastic fall here at Indian Hills Elementary. In September, we had a large turnout at our Movie Night event. Our wonderful PTO put on a fantastic fall festival for our community where students had a great time with their families dancing, playing games, and browsing the Book Fair. We look forward to a fun community event every month this school year, it's important to build that relationship between home and school.

## Ladd Acres Elementary School



A Ladd Acres Day of Exploration marble rollercoaster.

We had many events this Fall, including the Day of Play, Astro Launch, and Day of Exploration.

On Day of Exploration, students had the opportunity to build Lunar Landers, test balloons, make Thaumatrope, and race marble roller coasters. We also hosted our Career Fair, where students learned about the possibilities for their future careers.

## Reedville Elementary School

Reedville students participated in our traditional Superhero Fun Run. Each class competed for the highest return of bottle drop bags for two weeks. The class with the most bags won a pizza party. These funds are raised to support school field trips. Mariachi Jarabe Mexicano visited our school on October 26th and performed versatile music from Mexican Folk, Rock & Roll, Tex-Mex, Latin Rock, and Reggae-Cumbia genres.



Spider-Gwen and friends at the Reedville Superhero Fun Run.

## Tobias Elementary School

Tobias recently held its annual jog-a-thon, the Tiger Trek. This is the school's biggest fundraiser, bringing in money to support classroom purchases, staff appreciation, after school activities, and more. This year's theme was "bubble run."

The Tobias PTO hosted a family BINGO night featuring a Kona Ice truck, the Scholastic book fair, concessions, and lots of rounds of BINGO. During our October assembly, our 2nd grade students and music teacher Mr. Heyen performed for the school on glockenspiels. It was so much fun to see how much the 2nd graders have learned in music class.



Tobias second graders playing the glockenspiel.



# Glencoe Feeder



## Glencoe High School



Glencoe Band at the 2023 NWAPA Championships.

Glencoe Theater's fall play, *Love of a Pig*, was a big success. The ensemble-style comedy ran for two weeks in October.

Upcoming Glencoe Events:

December 7 - Winter Band Concert

December 8 - Choir at the Grotto

December 12 - Choir Concert

December 16 - Glencoe Toy Shoppe

## Evergreen Middle School



Evergreen staff and students wore pink at the October assembly.

The school year is off to a great start at Evergreen. School spirit has been high, especially at the monthly assemblies. We are looking forward to more exciting events on the horizon, including a canned food drive December 4 - 15, and Ugly Sweaters/Crazy Crowns for staff December 11 - 15.

## Atfalati Ridge Elementary School



Atfalati students loved a visit from the Harlem Wizards.

Atfalati has had lots of visitors this fall, including The Harlem Wizards, who taught us about teamwork and kindness; The Maritime Museum, which taught our K-3 students about sea and marine life; and Deputy Curry, who read to our 1st and 2nd graders.

Our annual Fund Run raised over \$10,000 thanks to donors and volunteers. Some fun incentives are coming our way such as music at lunch, a pie eating contest, silly costumes, and sliming of the principal!

## Free Orchards Elementary School

Free Orchards students are learning about agriculture through the Fox Farm, a volunteer-run gardening program. The farm is a collaboration between HSD schools, with Oak Street Campus students growing plant starts and Glencoe High School students building planters.



A good harvest at the Fox Farm.

## Jackson Elementary School



The Jaguar community beautifying the front of Jackson.

Thank you to all of the students, parents, staff, and community members who volunteered to help beautify the front of our building by pulling weeds, picking up garbage, and spreading barkdust.

Our annual Jaguar Jog raised over \$16,000. Some prizes for classes included pizza parties, popsicle parties, and the principal dressing up as a unicorn for arrival and dismissal.

Upcoming Jackson Events:

December 1-8 - Scholastic Book Fair

December 4-8 - Coin Drive

January 25 - Celebrations around the World

February 16 - BINGO Night

## Lincoln Street Elementary School

Lincoln Street students started the school year selecting the jobs they want to apply for at our school. They used this activity to learn how to create a résumé, apply for a job, and understand responsibility and accountability.

To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, each 5th grade student in our dual program was assigned an important person from the Hispanic community who has made a difference in our culture. Students got to research and learn important facts to create a one-pager.

## McKinney Elementary School

Over 20% of McKinney students (90+) registered for after-school programs and fall

Glencoe High School

Evergreen Middle School

Elementaries:

Atfalati Ridge | Free Orchards | Jackson |

Lincoln Street | McKinney | North Plains |

Patterson

enrichment activities such as Play.Fit.Fun, Get on the Bus Soccer, Chicas w/ Adelante Mujeres, Band, and Skyhawks Flag Football. As we move into winter, more clubs will be available to students, including Ballet Folklórico, Chess for Success, School Play, Healthy Kids Track, Oregon Battle of the Books, Garden Club, and others!

In October, we had our Fall Festival & el Día de los Muertos, thanks to a collaboration with the PAC and PTO. There were food trucks, tamales, horchata and champurrado for sale, as well as arts & crafts, games, prizes, raffle baskets, music, and costumes. It's our most popular family event of the year!

## North Plains Elementary School



North Plains students wore shades for their Fund Run.

In October, community members and staff came together for a work party enhancing our school garden! And our annual Fund Run fundraiser event surpassed our goal by raising over \$16,000!

Our Student Success Coach leads our school assemblies every month to focus on social-emotional learning (SEL). When you show evidence of self-awareness, self-management, relationship skills, responsible decision making, and social awareness, you become a WARRIOR!

Our Holiday Gift Shop will be held during school hours the second week in December.

## Patterson Elementary School

To celebrate national school lunch week, our cafeteria team led a video game-themed "level-up" spirit day! To celebrate literacy, we welcomed two special guests: former Patterson mom and author Hannah Holt visited our kindergarten classrooms to read her book aloud and give EVERY student a copy! Then, local author Nicky Byma came to Patterson to read two of his books aloud and share how and why he became an author.



Patterson staff got slimed as a fundraiser run prize.



# Hilhi Feeder



## Hillsboro High School



Hilhi Marching Band won the Pride of the Northwest!

Hilhi started the 2023-24 school year with a new leader as we welcomed Hilhi grad Cary Meier as our new principal!

The Hilhi English Language Arts department brought back “Reading for Fun” and our Library hosted a “book tasting.” The event allowed students to explore eleven different genres from mystery to historical fiction to fantasy, just to name a few.

The Hilhi CTE (Career Technical Education) started a new class this year, Diesel Tech. This is an incredible addition to the CTE program, which benefits all HSD students. One of our other CTE Programs, Vet Tech, is adding animal grooming to their classes as well. Very exciting things are going on in CTE!

The Hilhi Marching Band and Color Guard have had a great season and won their division at the Pride of the Northwest Marching Band Competition! Hilhi Choir will be caroling neighborhoods December 7 and 13 and performing at the Grotto December 8. Don’t miss our winter concert on December 12!

*Antigone* came to life in our Spartan Theater, thanks to the dedication and talent of our incredible students. They did a remarkable job of bringing this timeless classic to the audience, delivering powerful performances that left everyone in awe.

## South Meadows Middle School

South Meadows Middle School has some new and some traditional things happening this year. We were excited to have our first school-wide Ofrenda for Día de los Muertos up for all to see.



South Meadows students had an Ofrenda this year.

## Brookwood Elementary School

Brookwood’s PAC put together a wonderful Día de los Muertos event for our community. We celebrated the holiday with face painting, snacks, a fantastic Mariachi band, a beautiful

altar, and sugar skull painting. It was so much fun to celebrate with our community and we’re so grateful to our PAC for this opportunity!

## Farmington View Elementary School

Farmington View has been working with families to engage students with our garden this fall. We also brought back Family Movie Night and it was a success! Families gathered for the evening showing and enjoyed popcorn and treats. Farmington View was awarded gold certification as a STEAM school by the Portland Metro STEM Partnership. This is our first year of Spanish Literacy and we are excited to watch our students grow in their home language. Join us February 8 for Cultural Night, a Family-led night of cultural events.



The garden at Farmington View is getting some TLC.

## Groner Elementary School

Groner was excited to unveil its mascot’s name at their all-school assembly in October: Grizz! Students got to meet Grizz at our November assembly.

Groner families came out for an exciting night of BINGO and Loteria. Join us February 1 for Groner STEAM Night.



Introducing Grizz, the new mascot for Groner!

## Minter Bridge Elementary School

Minter Bridge is excited to announce Dolphin POD! Dolphin POD (Parents of Dolphins) is a volunteer/mentorship program where any member of our MB community can volunteer and be a positive role model and mentor to students. Joining the Dolphin POD is a great way to interact and be part of your student’s day. We have over 20 POD parent and community members.

## Rosedale Elementary School

Rosedale students are grrrrr-eat and roar-some! Rosedale is honoring fifth and sixth graders

Hillsboro High School  
South Meadows Middle School  
Elementaries:  
Brookwood | Farmington View | W.L. Henry  
Groner | Minter Bridge | Rosedale | Tamarack |  
Witch Hazel

for their growth and their greatness. The last Friday of the month, families are invited to join teachers, staff, and the nominated students to share donuts and celebrate students’ progress as well as the greatness we see in them. It is a fun time to connect with our community.

## Tamarack Elementary School

Tamarack’s first Open House was a success with local food trucks, a school wide art project, The Best Part of Me, and OMSI brain teasers and touch lab down learning street. We also started a series of field trips, beginning with Kindergarten and Second Grade getting to know our local Reeds Crossing neighborhood’s sustainability efforts, as well as trips to OMSI for a behind-the-scenes visit to learn how exhibits are created. This will all work toward our K-6-aligned project-based learning on clean water systems and protecting the environment. We look forward to showcasing our projects at our next evening event on February 15.

## Witch Hazel Elementary School

We have had a wonderful start to the year with a super successful Back to School night where 687 people gathered to meet, eat and catch up! Families worked on a piece of the Witch Hazel community puzzle. It was a strong turnout for our first bilingual Wolf Family meeting and we are looking forward to a great year of family involvement. In October, our 5th and 6th grade soccer teams have enjoyed great camaraderie during practices and Saturday games. We enjoyed an assembly with talented musical group Jarabe Mexicano. We look forward to our partnership with OMSI during the second quarter when we will be working on a whole-school project using science and art! #JuntosPodemos!

## W.L. Henry Elementary School

Thanks to a grant given to HSD, W.L. Henry has two soccer teams. It has been amazing watching the athletes grow in their skills as soccer players and in their social and emotional skills. At press time, our boys team was undefeated with one more game to play, and our girls team had 2 wins and 2 losses. Coach Garcia and Coach Weedin have observed our athletes demonstrating teamwork, good sportsmanship, perseverance and lifting each other up during practices, on the field, and in the classroom! What an amazing opportunity this has been for our students. Go Wildcats!



The Henry Girls Soccer Team had a good first season.



# Liberty Feeder



## Liberty High School



Liberty Drama took to the stage for their fall play, *Stinky Cheese Man*.

It has been a great start to the school year at Liberty High School. Our focus has been rebuilding our school community and spirit. One of the best indicators of growth is the number of students participating in fall sports and clubs, as research shows that students who participate in school activities attend more and achieve better grades.

According to LHS athletic director, Mr. Foster, we have seen significant increases in fall sports registrations thanks to a big push from our coaches talking to kids at the Poynter Signing Day event, kids recruiting friends, and staff being out in the halls talking about the clubs and sports programs. As you can see, all fall sports saw an increase in student participation over last year:

- Football 93 students (88 last year)
- Boys Soccer 75 students (62 last year)
- Girls Soccer 63 students (42 last year)
- Volleyball 43 students (36 last year)
- Cross Country 36 students (33 last year)
- Cheer 46 students (37 last year)

In addition to sports participation, Liberty has over 45 active clubs with hundreds of students participating in weekly club activities such as the AEMBOT Robotic Team, which took first place at the Wilsonville Robotics Competition. Thank you to all of our coaches and club advisors for providing our students the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities. If you are a Liberty parent, please encourage your student to find an activity to participate in this year. Go Falcons!

## J.W. Poynter Middle School

The Poynter Players invite you to come enjoy their fall play, *Book Reports of Destiny*, on December 8 and 9.



The Poynter Players take the stage.

## Eastwood Elementary School

As a proud bilingual school that promotes bilingual, bicultural, and biliterate education to our students, we strive for events that showcase

those skills to our Eastwood community. We have had musical performances *en español* to promote our bilingualism. We celebrated cultural events like Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)/Fall Festival in October with our students and families to promote rich traditions from Spanish-speaking countries and communities. Our Parent Advisory Council made an altar inside of the school to show respect to our deceased loved ones. Join us February 22 for Culture Night where students will be sharing with our community what they learned about the different cultures, food, religions and what makes countries unique.



Eastwood's student-generated mural has a new home in the cafeteria.

## Lenox Elementary School

In October, we held our annual Fun Run fundraiser. This year's event was a Bubble Run filled with bubble stations around the course and many cheering fans blowing bubbles in support of students and staff. Many thanks to the donors and volunteers that made it such a fun event.



The Lenox Pioneers had a Bubble Run.

## Mooberry Elementary School

Mooberry Elementary School proudly celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with commemorations adorning our school walls, special morning announcements, and a family movie night that was arranged by 6th Grade teacher, Mr. Eric Avalos. Most recently, Mooberry students and staff were treated to an awesome concert performance by Jarabe Mexicano, with a Día de los Muertos-themed set. As we focus on self awareness and identity, it brings us great joy to celebrate the rich contributions of the cultures that make up our school population.

## Orenco Elementary School

Thanks to a partnership with our parent Booster group, our school's fundraising from the spring Jog-a-Thon allowed our students to take field trips to OMSI to learn more about our favorite mascot, the Orca! Grades 2-6 visited OMSI and grades K-1 had OMSI visit the classroom for a special in-class presentation on marine life.



At Orenco Bike Fest, over 30 bikes were given out to children and they practiced bike safety.

In partnership with the City of Hillsboro's Safe Routes to School program, and WashCo Bikes, Orenco hosted Bike Fest in October. The community and area students brought their bikes to learn safety and skills, take group rides through Orenco Woods Nature Park, be fitted with helmets, donate bicycles, and have students fitted to bikes. Many thanks to the City volunteers, HPD Bike Team and Officers, WashCo Bikes (Joe Kurmaskie), Safe Routes to School (Dani Walker), and Principal (Allison Combs).

## Upcoming Orenco Events:

December 15 - 9th annual Jazz Cabaret and choir ensembles performance  
January 25 - Grade 5-6 Music Performance  
March 14 - Grade 3-4 Music Performance

## Quatama Elementary School

The Quatama community came together to celebrate our Culture Night, with many different cultures represented by students and families. We enjoyed tasting special foods, learning about other people's cultures, and singing and dancing led by students!

We hope to see you at Quatama's STEAM Night on April 11.



Quatama Culture Night was fun for all.

## West Union Elementary School

The West Union fun run was a big success. Many thanks to all who donated and volunteered to make it happen.



West Union students participate in our after-school Chess Club every Tuesday.



# HILLSBORO ONLINE ACADEMY



Hillsboro Online Academy (HOA) is now operating out of new locations. Our 9-12 staff is housed at Oak Street Campus (OSC) and our K-8 staff is housed at the new Tamarack Elementary School in South Hillsboro. We are excited about how the move has opened up more hybrid opportunities for our online students.



K-8 students have the option to come in-person a couple of days a week for STEM, PE, and Music classes. Teachers are able to offer both in-person and virtual after-school activities such as “Let’s Build It”, Chess, Crochet, Game Design, Book, and Fitness clubs.

Our 9-12 teachers hold weekly in-person drop-in study hours and monthly social times. Some high school after-school clubs being offered are Art, Creative Writing, GSA, Garden, Strategy Games, and Yearbook.



# OAK STREET CAMPUS



HSD Early College Program orientation onboarded 80 first-year seniors this fall.

Oak Street Campus (OSC) students have been all about community partnerships and giving back this year.

For *World Teacher Appreciation Day* and *National Do Something Nice Day*, OSC Community Garden Students harvested flowers from their community garden and created and delivered 60 beautiful bouquets to share their appreciation for all staff.

On Manufacturing Day, Hillsboro Big Picture students interested in manufacturing trades visited Ramsey Signs for a tour and created 3D-printed OSC keepsakes, while the Future Focused Fair gave OSC students the opportunity to meet community partners and further prepare for their post-high school lives.

Hillsboro Big Picture is Tidying Up Hillsboro! From September to January, the Leadership classes spend 3 hours each month picking up trash and tidying up the downtown Hillsboro area in partnership with the Downtown Hillsboro Association.



# WE ARE HIRING MECHANICS! ¡ESTAMOS CONTRATANDO MECÁNICOS!

- We are looking for people with previous experience working on large vehicle engines, diesel, propane, and electric.
- All tools and equipment are provided.
- Paid training to obtain a Class B CDL provided.

Hillsboro School District Transportation department benefits include:

- Medical, dental and vision insurance
- Employee assistance program
- Basic life insurance
- Basic accidental death and dismemberment insurance
- Long-term disability insurance
- Public Employee Retirement System

- Buscamos personas con experiencia previa trabajando en vehículos grandes con motores que utilizan diésel, propano o que sean eléctricos.
- Se proporcionan todas las herramientas y los equipos necesarios.
- Se cubrirán los costos de la capacitación necesaria para obtener una licencia CDL de clase B.

Los beneficios del Departamento de Transporte del Distrito Escolar de Hillsboro incluyen:

- Seguro médico, dental y de visión
- Programa de asistencia a los empleados
- Seguro de vida básico
- Seguro de muerte y desmembramiento accidental básico
- Seguro de incapacidad a largo plazo
- Sistema de jubilación de empleados públicos



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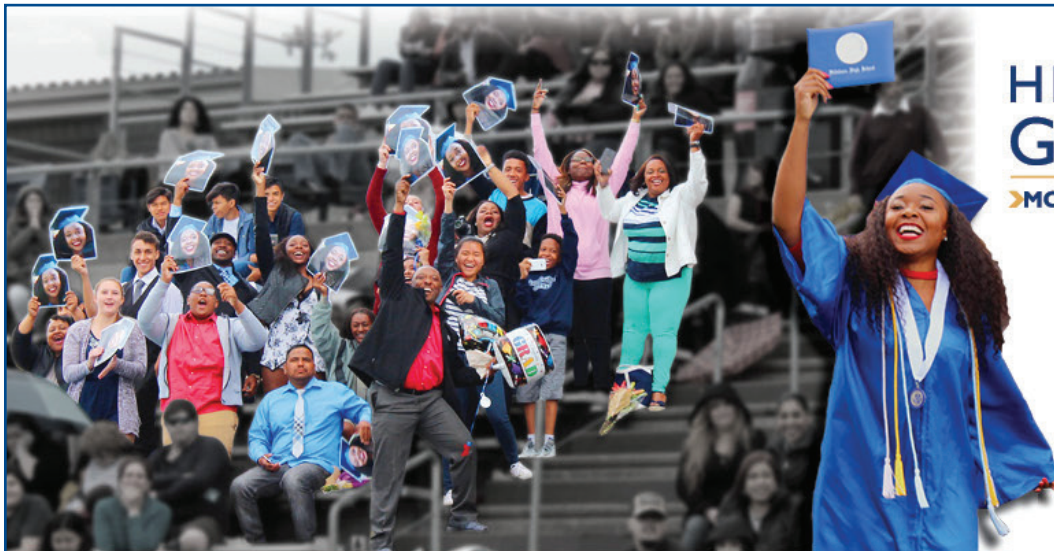


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**¿Preguntas? Comuníquese con el Departamento de Transporte al 503.844.1123**





# HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT CAREER & COLLEGE PATHWAYS



## HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT GRADUATES SUCCEED

➤ MORE INTERNSHIPS ➤ MORE COMMUNITY CONNECTED ➤ MORE CAREER READY



Para más información sobre el programa  
Caminos a la Profesión y a la Universidad visite

[WWW.HSD.K12.OR.US/CCP](http://WWW.HSD.K12.OR.US/CCP)

*Work-Based Learning & Career Exploration Connects Classroom Learning to Real World Experiences! Here are some updates to our work.*

### **New Diesel Service Technology Pathway Provides Students Hands-On Training in an In-Demand, High-Wage, High-Skill Industry Field!**



Diesel Service Techs

This fall marked the launch of the newest Career and Technical Education CCP program available to students in HSD: Diesel Service Technology. This pathway is underway with the first group of students enrolled in Intro to Diesel Services and Diesel Service Technology 1. The Diesel Service Technology program is accessible by the CCP Shuttle to students enrolled in a comprehensive high school. The program is housed at the Jacobsen St. Transportation Center, funded by the 2017 Construction Bond. Students in this program, taught by industry professional-turned CTE teacher Justin Broce, are exploring the introductory components of diesel engines, maintenance, and service. Students have the opportunity to interact with technicians in the HSD Transportation Center, and in the coming months will have the opportunity to engage with partners that helped to develop the program, including Peterson CAT, Pride Disposal, and PCC.

### **National Manufacturing Month**

Hillsboro School District celebrated National Manufacturing Month this October in partnership with the Washington County Chamber of Commerce and PCC's Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center (OMIC). For the past several years, Manufacturing Month events in Hillsboro have given high school students a chance to explore modern American manufacturing and discover local career opportunities. These tours offered insights into different types of manufacturers and showed how STEM/STEAM subjects are applied in the real world, making them an essential stepping-stone for students to explore and pursue their future educational and career paths. Throughout the month,

eight manufacturers hosted Friday Facility bus tours, including Applied Materials, Davis Tools, Edwards Vacuum, Epson Portland Inc., GK Machine, Jireh Semiconductor, Ramsay Signs, and Reser's Fine Foods. Additionally, Intel and Twist Bioscience held engaging virtual spotlight presentations. Students from CHS, GHS, HHS, LHS, and OSC participated in these tours and events. Thank you to our friends at the Washington County Chamber of Commerce School-to-Career Program for coordinating these events.

### **Industry-Recognized Credentials Give Students Advantage when Entering the Workforce**

Industry credentials that can be earned as part of a Career and College Pathway course provide students with an advantage in the workforce. Industry credentials indicate a set of skills or knowledge that employers look for when hiring talent. This fall, the Health Science program at Glencoe High School expanded the district's portfolio of industry credential offerings through the launch of Dental Assistant and Pharmacy Technician courses, where students prepare for and take nationally recognized exams. This opportunity provides students not only a credential that boosts their résumé, but also a cost savings, as we currently leverage High School Success Funding to cover the cost of exams for students. These courses are modeled after the Certified Clinical Medical Assistant course at Century High School. HSD is proud to partner with Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Centers and Century Dental to provide students the experiences and skills labs necessary to prepare them for the certification exams and skills tests. In addition to these credential opportunities, students also earn Industry-Recognized credentials in programs such as Fire Science, Construction, Automotive Service Technology, Culinary Arts, and more!



Glencoe Students learning dental technology



CCP Shuttle Back Again for 23-24

HSD’s CCP Shuttle system is back in operation again this year. The shuttle provides high school students across the district with access to career and technical education programs not offered at their neighborhood school that prepare them for careers in high-wage, high-skill, and in-demand career fields such as Aerospace, Bioscience Technologies, Fire Science, Manufacturing Design Technologies, and more!

HSD Utilizes Elementary Career & College Pathway Kits to bring career awareness and exposure to students at an early age.

What was your dream job as a kid? We are so proud of our Kindergarten through sixth grade career exploration kits because students’ talents are shining as they dig into careers around media, music, engineering, and more—all to be prepared to choose from our 62 career paths! They are exploring hands-on, interactive activities that lead them to their future careers with real industry tools, guest speakers, and amazing industry visits. Kids will no longer have to worry about who they will become—they will know where they want to go, thanks to our amazing Hillsboro community that is donating funds, volunteering as guest speakers, or hosting a field trip at their company. Take a look at our students building bridges, learning how to fly, coding software, and more!

Registered Youth Apprenticeship

Our Youth Apprenticeship Program has achieved its one-year milestone this fall, maintaining a 100% retention rate. The first group of five seniors from Century High School has entered the second and final year of the registered apprenticeship program in Advanced Manufacturing. These young apprentices are currently engaged in on-the-job training at Jireh Semiconductor and Tosoh Quartz, while also actively participating in their Industry and Engineering Systems CTE Program led by Mr. Loun. The apprentices are expected to complete their apprenticeship journey in June 2024.

Calling All Industry Professionals!

The HSD Career and College Pathways (CCP) team is seeking organizations and industry professionals interested in partnering with CCP teachers and students.

Industry partnerships are a key component of the CCP framework, ensuring classroom content connects to industry needs, and providing opportunities for students to participate in work-based learning. If you or your organization are interested in providing student opportunities and/or collaborating with our educators, please visit the *Need an Intern?* section at [hsd.k12.or.us/ccp](https://hsd.k12.or.us/ccp).

While we encourage all industry inquiries, we are specifically looking to expand our partnerships in the fields of agriculture, business management, computer science/programming, construction, culinary/restaurant/food service, graphic arts, marketing, and veterinary sciences.

Summer Internship Updates

Falcon Farm - After the Career Fair organized by the Washington County Chamber at LHS, Falcon Farm’s CTE Sustainable Agriculture students led a tour for community partners, showcasing hands-on learning and building valuable connections with local businesses.

GHS MS Health Science Summer Camp - Health Science Instructor Melanie Lewis and student interns from the Health Sciences CTE program led a summer camp that provided an opportunity for Evergreen Middle School students to explore the GHS Health Science program and careers in healthcare.

GHS Computer Science Camp - Computer Science Instructor Gary Jones and student interns from the Computer Science CTE program led a summer camp that provided an opportunity for Evergreen Middle School students to explore the GHS Computer Science program and careers in information technology.

Sí Se Puede - Now in its 8th year, Sí Se Puede allows middle school students in the Hilhi feeder the opportunity to explore a number of Career and Technical Education CCPs at Hillsboro High School. This camp, taught entirely by student interns, focuses on serving BIPOC and bilingual students, ensuring they have the opportunity to explore the CCPs that will be available to them as they transition to high school.

Kinder Jump Start - Several bilingual interns supported Jump Start Kindergarten, a school-based summer program that assists students and their families in experiencing a smooth and successful transition from early childhood to kindergarten.

TAG Career Kit Internships - CCP Interns, representing all four high schools, came together for an Elementary Career Kit training. This training equipped student interns with the skills necessary to demonstrate the elementary career kits with students at events such

as the TAG You’re It! sessions held for families and students throughout the year. This opportunity provides families and students a chance to see the career kits in action, led by a high school intern that is passionate about sharing the value of career and college pathways.

Downtown Marketing - HSD Downtown Marketing interns presented their summer internship findings to the Workforce Development team and partners at the Civic Center. Their research aimed to boost downtown small businesses by promoting event venues and

engaging Hillsboro residents. This presentation helped the interns secure a budget from the City of Hillsboro, ensuring their project’s continuation through the school year and summer of 2024.

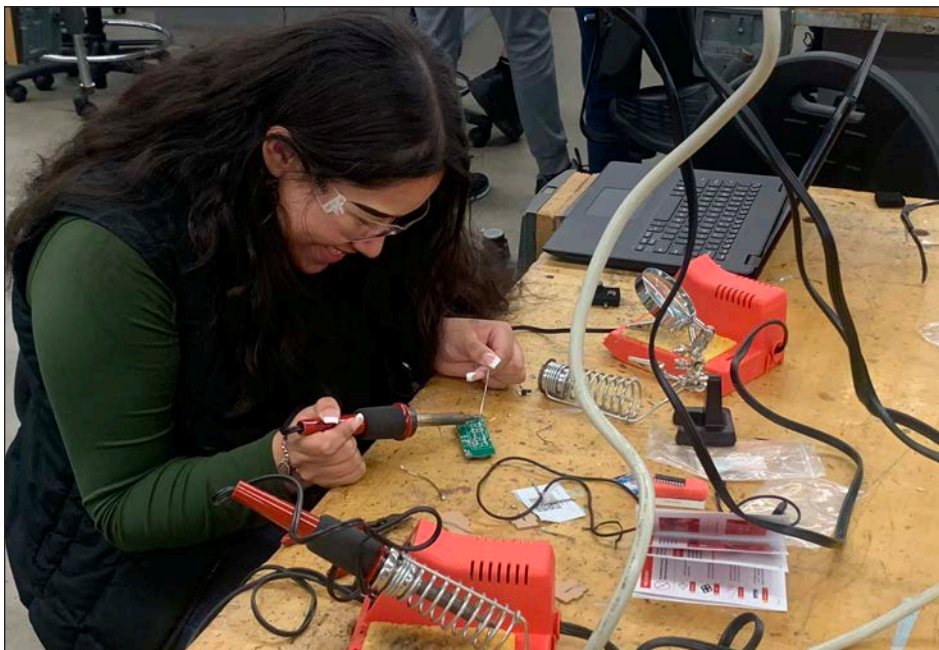
Learn more about our Career and College Pathways program at [hsd.k12.or.us/ccp](https://hsd.k12.or.us/ccp).



CCP Intern working with an elementary student using a TAG Career Kit.



Sí Se Puede interns work with middle school students to get hands-on experience with a variety of career and technical education pathways.







*The 2017 Bond was a huge undertaking spanning several years and a \$514 million budget. This was a community and team effort from the beginning to the end, from committees' planning and bond package proposals, to the campaign volunteers and voters who supported the passage of the bond, and, ultimately, to the project and school staff who shepherded the successful implementation of hundreds of projects, big and small.*

*Every existing campus was touched and transformed by the bond. New campuses, gyms and additions greatly expanded the district's resources. And, it is the district's taxpayers whose property taxes support nearly all of the bond's budget.*

*As a result, our students will benefit from equitable opportunities to learn and grow wherever they go to school, with updated facilities and technology that are*

*the basis of a modern education.*

*Our community benefits as they gather and recreate at campuses that are the centers of their neighborhoods. A partial list of those who played a direct role in the 2017 Bond may be found at [hsd.k12.or.us/domain/1729](https://hsd.k12.or.us/domain/1729).*

**THANKS TO YOU—**  
*in your role as a voter, taxpayer,  
community member, volunteer,  
staffperson, contractor, parent  
and/or student—the 2017 Bond  
was a success!*



# Hillsboro School District Bond

# BUILDING FOR OUR FUTURE





When the Hillsboro School District Board of Directors voted to place a \$408 million capital construction bond on the November 2017 ballot, it made a “bond promise” of several components as part of the final bond package. Voters overwhelmingly passed the bond by a 67 percent to 33 percent margin. As projects were implemented from 2018-2023, the bond promise has been met or exceeded. The following highlights most, but not all, of the projects completed to fulfill the bond promise (budget expenditures are rounded to the nearest million, as of Oct. 31).



The bond promise:

- add security cameras
- enhance emergency communications and
- upgrade security measures that would help keep students, staff, and school visitors safe.

Budget expenditures: \$79 million

Security Systems

The primary goal was to provide a uniform level of security with the same safety measures in place at every building. Safety and security upgrades were implemented at all district facilities in the form of “rings” of security that provide successive, increasing deterrence for potential threats.

Perimeter fencing and gates were added where needed. Every building now has a secure entry vestibule. Visitors are directed there and required to check in with the main office before they can enter beyond the office. Entry access controls include video doorbells and electronic access cards and readers which enable entry into the building and authorized areas. If the cards are lost or stolen, they can easily be deprogrammed. All interior doors are lockable with physical keys.

Upgrades also included security cameras, intrusion alarms and monitoring systems. Communication systems, such as paging systems and emergency alarms for lockouts and lockdowns, can be initiated at the touch of a button; visual warnings also alert the building occupants. Distributed antenna systems enable more uniform coverage and uninterrupted communications in buildings for first responder radios.

School buses were fitted with security cameras and GPS to provide additional security during transportation of students.

For more information about the bond’s safety and security program, please visit: [hsd.k12.or.us/Page/5882](https://hsd.k12.or.us/Page/5882).

HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND: fulfilling the 2017 bond promise for the future of Hillsboro's students

Playgrounds

Nine elementary schools received new, ADA-compliant playgrounds with rubberized tiles for safer play and a synthetic turf area for all-weather use. Pre-kindergarten playgrounds also were installed at three schools.

Roofing and Seismic Upgrades

Aging roofs were upgraded at 17 buildings, extending the life of the roofs and protecting against leakage.

All buildings constructed prior to 1997 have been seismically retrofitted to modern “life safety/safe exit” structural performance standards. The 13 buildings built after 1997 already meet these standards. The three newly-constructed school buildings and eight gyms meet the higher “immediate occupancy” seismic standard and can be used as community shelters after a seismic event.

Note that additional funding from bond premiums enabled upgrading the gym designs to the higher structural standards. For more information about the district’s seismic program, please visit: [hsd.k12.or.us/Page/5807](https://hsd.k12.or.us/Page/5807).

Dropoff/Parking Lot Upgrades

Pedestrian and vehicle safety was improved by separating bus and parent dropoffs at 13 schools. Students can safely disembark at designated dropoff areas and walkways. Vehicle congestion is eased with more efficient traffic patterns through the parking lots.



The bond promise:

- repair and update aging building systems at schools across the district
- replace 15 of the portable classrooms in the worst condition
- complete significant upgrades at two of the district’s oldest schools: Reedville Elementary and Hilhi

Budget expenditures: \$147 million

➤ **Reedville modernization:** interior remodeling brought the school up to modern specifications, while the historic exterior appearance was preserved. A new modular building replaced deteriorating portables and houses the cafeteria and several classrooms.

✔ **Hilhi transformation:** the school received extensive building renovations, a new, lighted synthetic turf field and track, and resurfacing of the parking lots and walkways. Fresh paint and Hilhi branding freshened the exterior.

Infrastructure Upgrades

Major systems, such as HVAC, plumbing and electrical, were upgraded at buildings constructed before 2000. These not only modernize the infrastructure, but also bring increased efficiency that has already resulted in utility bill reductions or offset usage from added square footage.

Portable Replacements

Instead of just replacing 15 deteriorating portable classrooms with new portables, modular buildings were installed that were built at grade above foundations. Along with new classrooms, the modulares include restrooms so students no longer need to leave to enter the main building.

Reedville Remodeling

While Reedville Elementary has retained its historic exterior charm, the campus has been modernized with significant upgrades to the structure and equipment. A new modular building was added to replace old portables and includes a new cafeteria and several classrooms. Next to the modular, a new dropoff and parking lot provide greater transportation and pedestrian safety. Students very much enjoy their new playground. New roofing and sidewalks completed the transformation.

Hilhi Remodeling

Hillsboro High School has been similarly transformed. Each academic building was gutted on the inside to install new HVAC, plumbing and electrical equipment and seismic upgrades. The old library was remodeled to produce a modern media center with glass-enclosed study rooms. A dramatic new look and brighter lighting have upgraded the commons area. Expansion of the Auto Technology workshop provides more space for hands-on education. To finish it all off, the parking lots were also renovated, the front plaza and other sidewalks were renewed, and fresh paint and Hilhi branding updated the look of the school.

Lighted Turf Fields

Synthetic turf fields were installed at Century,







▲ **New gyms:** eight new, stand-alone gymnasiums were constructed to create PE and activity spaces separate from the school cafeteria areas. Shown is the gym at W.L. Henry Elementary.

Glencoe and Hillsboro High Schools (Hilhi also added a track). Special features are the “super-directional” lights that minimize light spillage away from the field, particularly avoiding the adjacent neighbors. The fields not only allow for all-weather use for school sports and activities, but also provide recreational resources for the community and youth leagues.

**Added Scope**

With bond premiums and interest, the District was able to implement projects from a predetermined wish list beyond the original bond promise. These allowed for:

**Replacement of Hardscapes**—deteriorating pavement and sidewalks were repaired or replaced at many campuses. Regular maintenance of these hardscapes continues to be necessary.

**Replacement of Single-Paned Windows**—four of the older elementary schools, Farmington View, Groner, North Plains and West Union, now have more energy-efficient, double-paned windows.

**Replace/Resurface Tennis Courts**—tennis courts at Century and Hilhi were resurfaced to improve the playing areas and eliminate cracks and weeds. Glencoe’s tennis courts were replaced as part of its student parking lot renovation.

**Improve ADA Accessibility**—ADA ramps and restrooms were added at several schools. In addition, elevators were added at Butternut



◀▲ **Newly-constructed elementary schools:** although each school was built to the same prototype, Brookwood, Atfalati Ridge and Tamarack were each oriented to fit the available land and uniquely customized to create individual character.

Creek, Groner and West Union to facilitate access between floors, and lifts to stages were installed at Groner and McKinney. The District will be conducting a new accessibility assessment to determine any future needs.



The bond promise:

- construct separate gymnasiums at elementary schools that currently share gym and cafeteria space
- expand two existing middle and high schools to accommodate expected growth and reduce overcrowding
- construct additional elementary schools where future growth is happening
- construct a satellite transportation/maintenance facility

Budget expenditures: \$199 million

**Construction of Separate Gyms**

At eight schools, shared gym and cafeteria space caused scheduling and access issues. These have been remedied by the construction of new stand-alone gyms for PE and school activities. In addition to serving the schools’ students, the gyms also provide needed spaces for the community’s youth recreation leagues.

**Expansion of Evergreen Middle School**

A new media center and classroom wing have been added to the Evergreen building, providing much-needed space for future growth. The wing also encloses a roomy plaza for students and staff to gather outdoors. Other renovations covered up the original pit in front of the stage and expanded the commons area, upgraded HVAC and other systems throughout the building, and added skylighting to bring natural light into the school’s hallways and commons. Fresh paint finished the renovation. Staff parking also was added at the rear of the school.

**Expansion of Glencoe High School**

Several additions and renovations have added space to Glencoe and renewed the school. At the front of the school, a new wing houses health science classrooms and administrative offices on the first floor, and a bright, expansive media center on the second floor. The new entry vestibule opens into a remodeled commons area. Students no longer need to walk outside to the cafeteria after that rear section was enclosed with a cafeteria addition and

small outdoor plaza. Building additions also include a new team room and weight room. The bus dropoff/staff/visitor parking lot and the student parking lot were reconfigured.

**New/Replacement Schools**

To save design costs, architects developed a prototype elementary school building that could be applied to the three campuses undergoing new construction. Each building is two stories, about 73,700 square feet, and has capacity for 600 students. All that changed was the orientation of the building to fit the available land as well as the interior finishes that provide unique character to each school. Special features include several group learning areas, science lab, a glass-enclosed think tank, and a lighted, synthetic turf field. The schools are built to immediate occupancy seismic standards.

**Brookwood Elementary**—construction of the replacement building took place as students continued to attend in the original building within safety zones. When it was time to develop the rest of the campus, the old buildings were demolished to construct the synthetic turf field, covered play structure, playground, and parking lots.

**Atfalati Ridge Elementary**—the District constructed a new school to house the additional students expected to move in as North Plains continues to grow. Unique to Atfalati Ridge are the murals specially designed by Native American artist Steph Littlebird. These may be found in the cafeteria and on the pony walls of the learning areas, providing students with visual educational resources as they learn about the experience and culture of the Atfalati Kalapuya who are indigenous to this area.

**Tamarack Elementary**—the final major project of the bond, Tamarack is a neighborhood school in the South Hillsboro development. Its learning street, or central hallway, is decorated with large murals representing the seasons of a tamarack forest. The school mascot, the otter, figures prominently in the

▼ **Glencoe's media center wing addition:** these before and after photos show how dramatically the front of the school was changed by this addition.





➤ **Liberty's Sustainable Agriculture/Design building and solar array canopy:** these new CTE spaces enable students to learn more about sustainable practices and about electricity generation from solar power.

artwork. Tamarack is proud to collaborate with OMSI in bringing environmental educational programming to its students. The rooftop solar array will provide an educational resource as well as electricity generation.

**Satellite Transportation/Maintenance Facility**

With bus and staff overcrowding in the original Transportation facility on Walnut Street, the new facility in north Hillsboro provides more room for the district's bus fleet and maintenance, dispatchers and drivers in addition to housing construction, painting and other facilities maintenance staff. Also built into the facility are the classroom and shop for the district's new Diesel Service Technology CTE program.



**PROVIDE A MODERN EDUCATION FOR EVERY STUDENT**

The bond promise:

- update our schools to provide a modern educational environment, including technology, labs, and spaces for hands-on learning
- thereby expand access to up-to-date job training opportunities in partnership with PCC and local employers, giving students a head start on career and college

Budget expenditures: \$51 million

**Student and Teacher Technology**

The bond purchased Chromebooks for students, computers for teachers, and classroom technology such as electronic projectors and sound systems. These enable access to digital resources and modernize the educational experience. Additional funding remains committed to purchasing more student resources as part of an ongoing replacement cycle.

**Flexible Classroom Furniture**

While a building provides the infrastructure to house staff and students, the furnishings provide the final touch to make it livable. Flexible



configurations enable teachers to set up their classrooms according to their needs, with different shapes, sizes and heights available. Research has shown that flexible furniture helps to provide a comfortable, relaxing and safe environment for students, while also helping them stay engaged in learning.

**Expansion of Career-Technical Education Spaces**

In addition to construction of the Diesel Service Technology classroom and shop at the new Transportation facility, CTE spaces were remodeled and expanded at all high schools. These included spaces for Business and Marketing, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Education, and Technology Education. Larger projects were: the addition of a separate modular building at Century for Early Childhood Education and Preschool; expansion of the Auto Technology shop at Hilhi; and the construction of Liberty's Sustainable Agriculture/Design building and solar array canopy.

A significant resource for all district students is the new Pathways Center building constructed at the Oak Street Campus, providing programs for career exploration, guidance counseling, workforce preparation, and more.



**WISE USE OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS**

The bond promise:

- renew the current tax rate (\$2.24 per \$1,000 assessed value) and would not increase this rate
- be part of a long-term plan to maintain and improve our school facilities
- provide an independent Citizens Bond Oversight Committee to monitor the progress of the bond, issue regular

◀ **Century's Early Childhood Education Building:** constructed to the north of the main school building, the modular houses the preschool and classroom/observation space for the CTE program.



▲ **Citizens Bond Oversight Committee:** the volunteer group takes its final field trip to the Tamarack Elementary construction site. The CBOC is shown here walking down the learning street.

- reports, and ensure that projects are being managed responsibly
- require at least 90 percent of the money raised be spent on construction and repair projects, not administration

**Current Tax Rate**

The tax rate when the bond measure was developed for vote was \$2.24 per \$1,000 of assessed value. As of the 2023 property tax billing, the tax rate is now \$1.9707.

**Long-Term Facilities Assessment**

The District collaborates with its land use consultant to periodically assess the state of its facilities. With the completion of bond projects, the latest data is being incorporated to update the assessment. The new report will provide a foundation for long-range planning of renovations needed for the future (to be part of a future bond package to present to voters).

**Installation of Fiber Optic Ring**

As part of a collaboration with the City of Hillsboro's HiLight fiber optic utility, the bond funded \$18 million toward the installation of a redundant fiber optic ring connecting all buildings. Along with providing fast, expansive bandwidth, having our own fiber allows the district internet self-sufficiency and independence from commercial service providers.

**Purchase of Land for Future School Sites**

As a result of additional funding from bond premiums, the district was able to fulfill a wish list item to purchase land, specifically

◀◀ **Glencoe Construction Trades CTE shop:** the school's remodeling created a spacious area for fabrication projects.

◀ **Hilhi Auto Technology CTE shop:** expansion of the building added much more work area for students to get hands-on experience.

\$1.9707

the current tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed value, well below the promised maximum rate of \$2.24



➤**Future school sites:** the District strategically purchases land with capital bond funding and maintains an inventory of parcels for development, subject to future growth needs and new bond measures.

in the South Hillsboro (Reed’s Crossing) area. The 20-acre parcel could be a potential site for an elementary and middle school campus.

The District also has another parcel in the South Hillsboro (Butternut Creek) area: 10 acres for a potential elementary school site. South of Rosedale Road is a combined parcel of over 70 acres for future elementary and high school sites. If and when a future bond package is approved by voters that includes construction of new campuses on these parcels, there is enough property to create a whole new feeder group.

“This district has always done a great job of maintaining an inventory of land,” Capital Projects Officer Adam Stewart stated. “When we see an opportunity or need [to construct new schools], we won’t have to go and purchase the land after it comes into the urban growth boundary. That’s when it becomes super-expensive.” This strategy keeps the District prepared to build for the future.

**Citizens Bond Oversight Committee**

This all-volunteer group of community members and, initially, students typically met 3-4 times a year. The CBOC reviewed project budgets and status and provided feedback to the bond management team. They took field trips to construction sites to see what was happening in real-time. The CBOC served as the community’s liaison to the School Board, providing regular reports on the bond’s progress and helping ensure transparency.

**Bond Audits**

Additional accountability and transparency were provided through annual reviews of the bond’s books by an independent auditor.

**Bond Overhead**

Bond issuance, staffing and administration costs comprised only 3.4 percent of the total bond budget, meaning 96.6 percent of the budget was spent directly on projects.

**What’s Next?**

With the exception of technology projects, for which funding has been committed, all remaining projects are being closed out. The \$1.74 million in contingency funds will be held in reserve for capital maintenance projects (they cannot be used for general expenses).

The District will be issuing a final report to provide a more comprehensive look back at the 2017 Bond. Look for an announcement in the “Hot News” e-newsletter and on the district website for the report’s anticipated publication in December.

At some point, the bond cycle will begin again with public committees, community review and feedback, and the School Board presenting a new bond package to voters. This could be years from now. However, if you would like to be part of this process, keep an eye out for opportunities to participate!



**Bond Budget**  
(in millions)

as of October 31, 2023

Revenues		Project Investments
<b>\$408.00</b>	approved by voters in 2017	<b>\$502.34</b> bond expenditures to date
<b>79.30</b>	bond sale premiums	<b>9.97</b> remaining commitments
<b>14.40</b>	bond interest	<b>1.74</b> maintenance contingency
<b>(0.82)</b>	investment gain (loss)	<b>\$514.05</b> total committed
<b>0.60</b>	misc. revenue	
<b>3.63</b>	land sale/compensation	
<b>8.00</b>	state grants	
<b>0.94</b>	balance from 2006 bond	
<b>\$514.05</b>	total revenues	

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➤**Budget:** view current information, including budgets and expenditures by project and scope.

**The Importance of Bond Premiums and Interest**

Through bond sale premiums and bond interest, nearly \$94 million, or 17 percent, more was added to the original \$408 million bond approved by voters, stretching available bond funding even further. This enabled the bond team to augment upgrades and add more scope from the wish list than originally planned, including upgrading design of gyms to a higher seismic standard, replacing portables with modular buildings, replacing single-paned with double-paned windows, and a land purchase. “Basically,” Capital Projects Officer Adam Stewart remarked, “this enabled us to say ‘yes’ [to additional projects] when we might have had to say ‘no’ otherwise.”

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# Community Partners

## City of Hillsboro



HiLight high-speed internet celebrates connecting 1000th customer

### Low-Cost, No-Cost Local Holiday Gift Guide

Searching for a great gift? Keep it local with 50+ low-cost or no-cost gift ideas, including many ideas from Hillsboro's Library of Things. Check out Hillsboro's Holiday Gift Guide at [Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/News](https://hillsboro-oregon.gov/News).

### Register for Winter/Spring Activities

Registration for Winter/Spring activities and events through Hillsboro Parks & Recreation starts at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 29. Browse the Activities Guide online at [Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/ActivitiesGuide](https://hillsboro-oregon.gov/ActivitiesGuide).

### Save the Date for Hillsboro's 2024 State of the City

Mayor Steve Callaway and the Hillsboro City Council invite you to attend the 2024 community update about the City of Hillsboro's continuing priorities and future opportunities. Join the event at the Hillsboro Civic Center on Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2024 with a reception at 5 p.m. and program at 6 p.m. Full details, including past State of the City video recordings, are online at [Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/StateoftheCity](https://hillsboro-oregon.gov/StateoftheCity).

### 3 Tips for Student Success from the Hillsboro Public Library

Library staff serve everyone, especially students of all ages. And supporting student success is one of the most important things they do!

1. All HSD students have a Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) Library Card. To access it, please login to: [WCCLS.org](https://wccls.org) and enter HSD + your 6-digit student ID (i.e. HSD123456). The password is the last four digits of your student ID.
2. Free in-person tutoring for K-8th grade students is available at Shute Park Library, Mondays from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in partnership with Jesuit High School. Tutoring is provided in English and Spanish. Drop-ins welcome!
3. Get online homework help, including a writing lab, with Brainfuse, a library service. Tutors are available most days from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.

### Oregon Food Bank's Free Food Market: Second Tuesday of Each Month

A monthly Free Food Market is available to all Hillsboro community members on the second Tuesday of each month from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Hillsboro Self Sufficiency (5300 NE Elam Young Pkwy, Hillsboro). It's one of many local resources available for people in need. Shop for free, fresh and healthy fruits, vegetables, and pantry staples; please bring your own bags or boxes.

### Seasonal Lighting Returns

Enhanced lighting returns through March in the three hubs of Hillsboro's Cultural Arts District: 10th Avenue corridor in the Calle Diez area; M&M Marketplace; and Historic Downtown. The festive lighting will create a magical and welcoming environment for Downtown visitors to connect with businesses during the dark winter months.

## Hillsboro Schools Foundation

### Annual Gala & Auction

The Hillsboro Schools Foundation invites you to join them for their annual gala and auction! This year's event, *Brightening the Future: An HSF Night of Light*, will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024. HSF's main fundraising event is a night of fine dining, delicious wines, and wonderful company, with entertainment and a multitude of amazing auction items to be won. Individual Ticket and Table Sponsorship information is available online at [hsfonline.org](https://hsfonline.org).

Additionally, a virtual silent auction will run on HSF's website from 8 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 19, until 7:15 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24! The silent auction features family fun adventures, date nights, excursions, and many other exciting packages. There is no cost to participate in the silent auction.

Proceeds from the gala and auction fund innovative programs in HSD schools, including hands-on learning materials for our current "Imagine Your Adventure" career learning kits, bicultural and bilingual books, and other educational resources to bring career exploration to every grade level!



## Washington County Chamber of Commerce

### 19th Annual Crystal Apple Awards

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce will once again celebrate excellence in education through their Crystal Apple Awards! This is the 19th year of the beloved program, in which licensed, classified, and supervisory/administrative staff are recognized for doing amazing work on behalf of students.

Visit [washingtoncountychamberor.com/crystalapple](https://washingtoncountychamberor.com/crystalapple) for more information, and make sure to nominate outstanding staff members by 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 2, 2024. Nominees will be surprised at "reveal" events in late February/early March, and recipients will be announced at the Crystal Apple Awards Ceremony on Thursday, Apr. 25, 2024 at The Venetian in downtown Hillsboro.

