



HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### Media Advisory

### **Fire Training Exercise at Eastwood Elementary School**

*Old portables at Eastwood will allow Hillsboro Firefighters to sharpen skills in a realistic environment*

**June 17, 2019, Hillsboro, OR** - Hillsboro School District and the Hillsboro Fire Department will be conducting a fire training exercise at Eastwood Elementary School on Wednesday, June 19, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., and on Thursday, June 20, from 8 a.m. to noon. Fire trucks will be stationed at the entrance of the school for the duration of the exercise.

Fire crews will be using the old portable buildings at Eastwood for skills training that includes breaching walls, cutting holes in the roof, and forcing open doors. This is a unique, collaborative opportunity between the District and the Fire Department, as training has not previously been conducted in school portable buildings. The training will provide firefighters with realistic situations and needed experience in case any of the District's remaining portables are ever in fire danger.

The decades-old portables at Eastwood are being replaced with a new modular building, funded by the District's 2017 Bond, and are no longer viable for future use. Before they are demolished, however, they will provide an excellent venue for realistic firefighting training.

Members of the media are invited to observe the training exercise on either day. Fire Department battalion chiefs and support staff will be available to answer questions before and after the exercise.

**What:** Fire training exercise

**Where:** Eastwood Elementary School, 2100 NE Lincoln Street, Hillsboro, OR 97124

**When:** Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Thursday, June 20, 2019, 8 a.m. to noon

**RSVP:** Media are asked to RSVP to Chief Communications Officer Beth Graser at [graserbe@hsd.k12.or.us](mailto:graserbe@hsd.k12.or.us) or 503-844-1772.

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