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Message from the Superintendent

OSD families and friends,

Beginning in June of 2021, our Board of Directors and I began working with a Citizens Facility Advisory Committee composed of local community members, staff, and architects to review critical information about our schools including the age, condition, and capacity of current facilities. The team walked our facilities, analyzed future growth projections and worked collaboratively to prioritize needs and improvements. While the team was impressed with our care for current facilities, they realized they were inadequate to meet our current and future needs. Their recommendations helped the district form a long-term facilities plan.

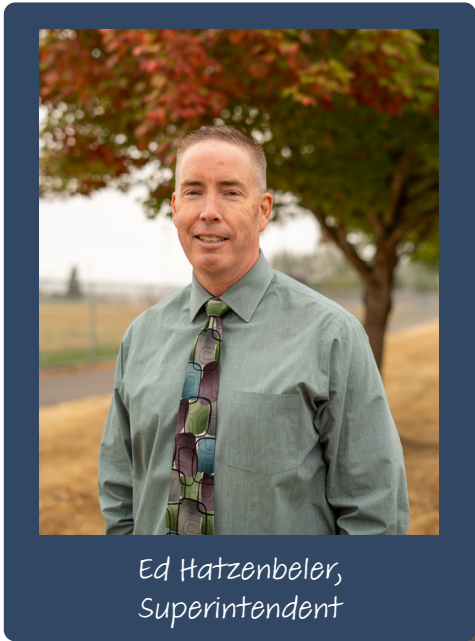
The February 2023 bond approved by the Board of Directors represents our most urgent needs. Three of four schools exceed the capacity for which they were built. Orting Primary School was built in 1968 for 290 students. It currently houses 550 students and is 87 percent over permanent capacity. Exceeding permanent capacity creates many challenges including inadequate restrooms, parking, traffic, health room, cafeteria, and gymnasium space. In addition to rebuilding a new K-5 Orting Elementary School, Ptarmigan Ridge Elementary will receive 8 permanent classrooms, a gymnasium and expanded kitchen facilities. Orting High School is 44 percent over its designed capacity and is in desperate need of career and technical education and lab spaces to prepare our students for local careers. This bond will add much needed capacity in these critical areas.

In this brochure you will find out more about the three major projects addressed in the February 2023 bond measure. We share a high-level overview of our current enrollment and facility capacity along with estimates of what will come over the next 15 years. We have several challenges today that are in strong need of attention and support. With careful planning and in collaboration with our local community, we can support our students and community with safe, healthy schools that reflect our care and support for our local children. We encourage you to dig deeper into this plan as we work to invest in our students and community's future!

In partnership with you,

William Hatzenbeler

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Ed Hatzenbeler,
Superintendent

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION: *Supporting our students' life and career goals*



Our award winning FFA program sharing pumpkins from their garden with preschool students.

The main learning portions of Orting High School were built for about 250 students. Today, we are just shy of 900 total students. Although our use of space has evolved since then, there have been no significant improvements to the amount and type of learning spaces that prepare students for careers in local industry. With the passage of the 2023 bond, our Career and Technical Education (CTE) program will benefit from remodeled spaces to support our agriculture and culinary programs. Agricultural mechanics, welding and culinary skills will benefit students with life-long learning and industry

preparation. This bond also creates new lab areas for health sciences and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) maker spaces in a newly constructed addition. "This kind of commitment from our community will allow our kids to keep up with industry demands and have high leverage classes in high school that will teach them skills with the trades and in STEM at a rate that their peers around our county are getting in terms of facilities," says Matt Carlson, Orting High School Assistant Principal and Director of CTE. "This excites me about the bond coming up... we will be able to create real opportunities for our kids."

Phase one of the bond addresses many of the overcrowding issues at Orting High School by adding permanent capacity for roughly 250 students. Phase one also replaces the 1970s main gym and 1950s auxiliary gym/wrestling room. As future growth occurs, additional phases will connect to the first phase to put all of our students together under one roof for a more secure campus.

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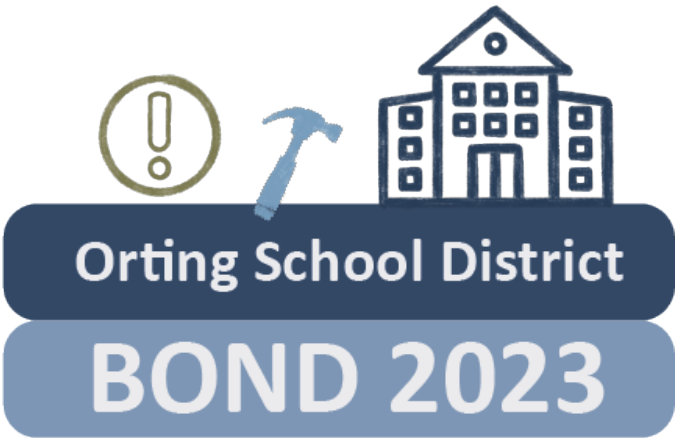
- Matt Carlson, Orting High School Assistant Principal and Director of Career and Technical Education



CTE and STEM Lab Space Design



Auxiliary Gym/Wrestling Room Design



Invest in our schools, invest in our community!

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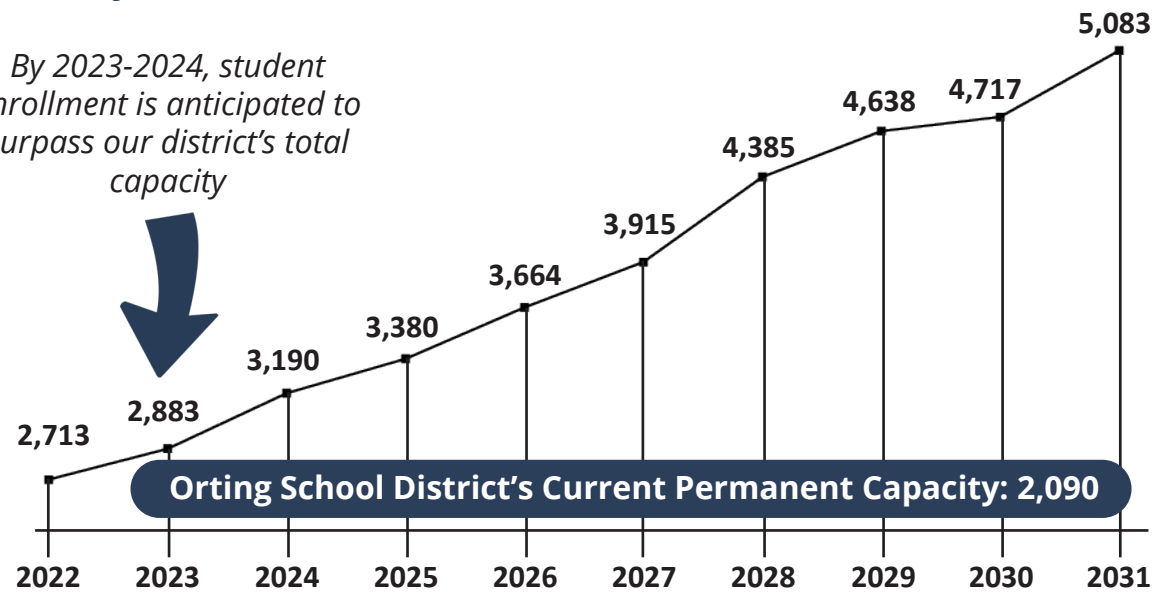
REPLACE OUR AGING SCHOOLS WITH SAFE, MODERN FACILITIES

In 2021, the Orting School District engaged with a Citizens Facilities Advisory Committee (CFAC) to obtain recommendations for our expansive growth and facility planning. After community outreach, the board reviewed options for the 2023 Bond. The board prioritized these recommendations:

- Rebuild Orting Primary School as a K-5 elementary school
- New addition and remodel Orting High School, including new wrestling room
- Turf and track replacement at Cardinal Stadium
- New addition to Ptarmigan Ridge Elementary School, including a new gymnasium
- Property acquisition
- District-wide projects for safety, security and mechanical improvements

Projected Enrollment

By 2023-2024, student enrollment is anticipated to surpass our district's total capacity



Orting Primary School



87% (251 students)
over permanent capacity

Ptarmigan Ridge Elementary School



45% (205 students)
over permanent capacity

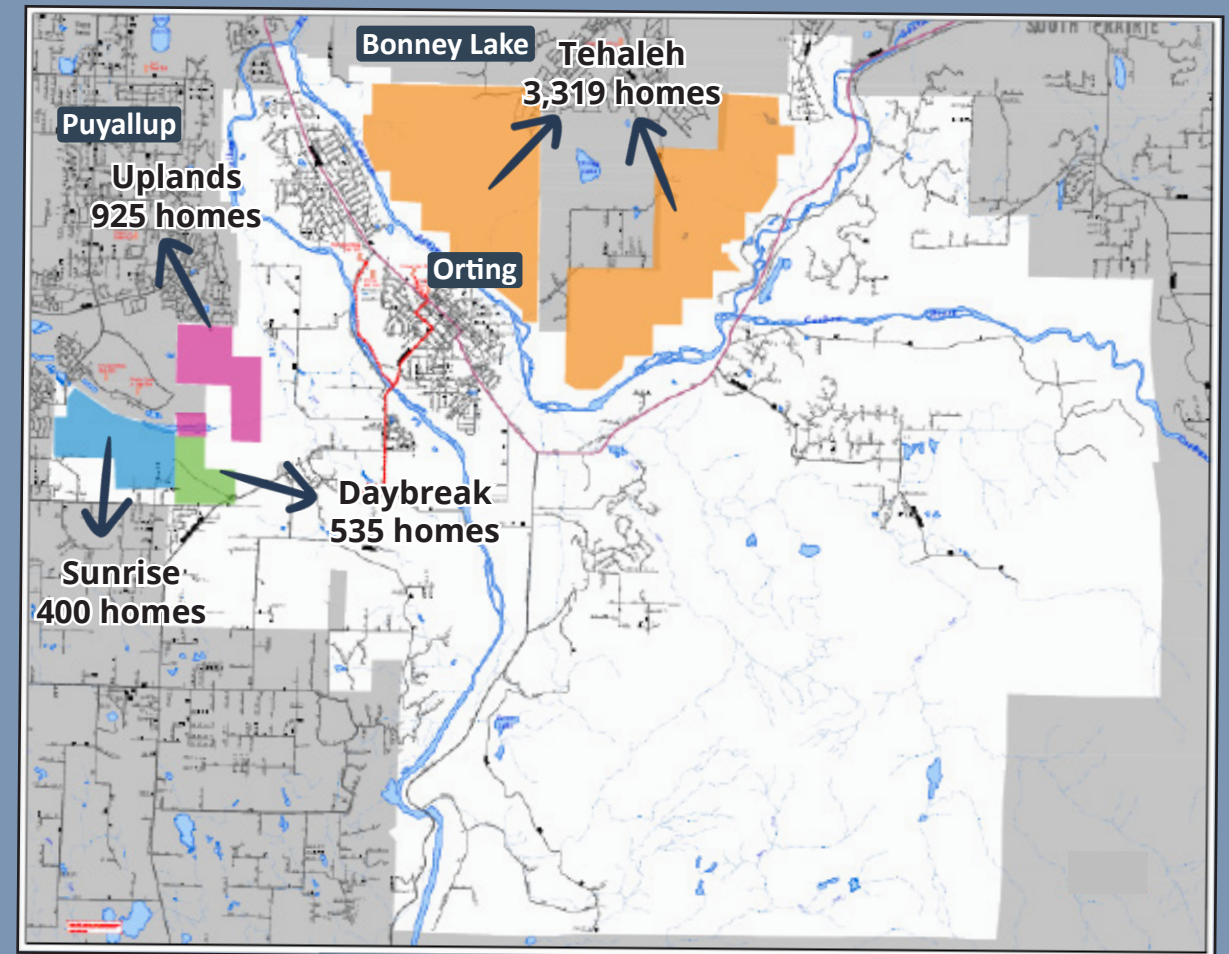
Orting High School



44% (266 students)
over permanent capacity

Orting School District Boundary Map

The map below is our current boundaries which were placed decades ago. The boundaries extend past the city of Orting, which means many of the new home developments surrounding the city will have new students for our district.



5,000 homes expected by 2035, resulting in over
2,500 new students!

How much will the bond cost?

This bond is projected to cost \$2.84 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation and replaces the bond that was passed in 2006.

Property Tax Exemptions

Some senior and disabled homeowners may be eligible for a property tax exemption, based on income. For details call the Pierce County Assessor's Office at (253) 798-6111 or visit their website at piercecountywa.gov/682/Property-Tax-Exemptions-Deferrals

Election Information

Residents can register to vote online up to a week before the February 14, 2023 Election Day or in person up to Election Day. For more information, visit the Pierce County website at piercecountywa.gov/6572/Register-to-Vote

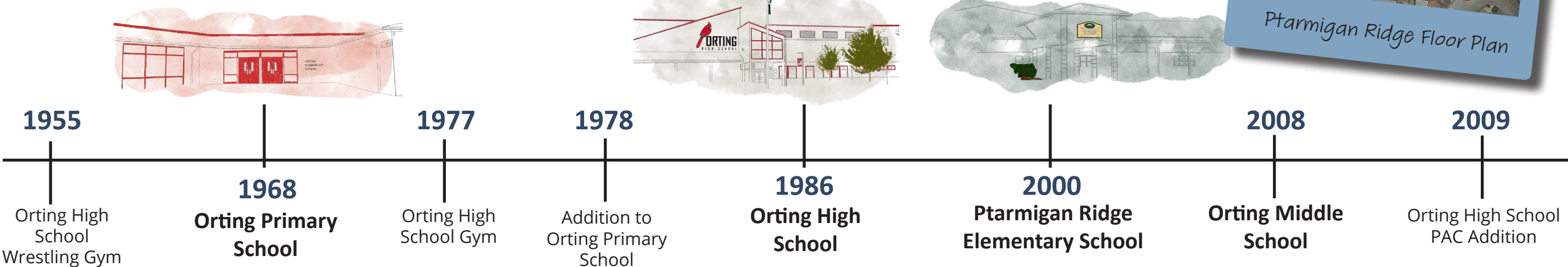


Bond 2023 Quick Facts

- This bond funds overdue improvements for our schools
- The first phase of the bond supports opportunities for our students after school
- OSD expects to receive one new student for every two homes built
- This bond replaces the bond that was passed in 2006 and finished in 2022 that built Orting Middle School and the Orting High School PAC
- This is the first of three phases over the next 10-15 years depending on future growth

History of Orting Schools

Even with the most meticulous attention to regular maintenance and prompt repairs, every homeowner understands that over time parts of their home begin to wear out. That is not different with public schools.



See the Designs

In this bond, we aim to rebuild Orting Primary School as a K-5 Orting Elementary School for 600-700 students. This new facility will be constructed on 65 acres the district acquired in 2022 which sits adjacent to Orting High School. With a safer facility and brighter classrooms, we can ensure learning spaces accommodate the type of technology, flexible use and collaboration that will set us up for future successes.



Property of Orting Elementary School

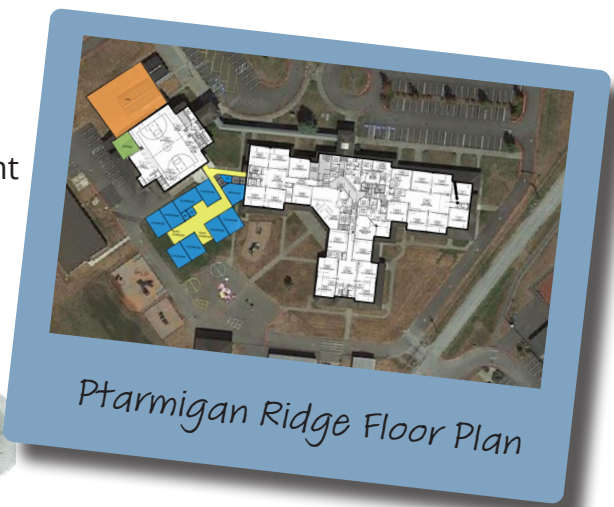


View from Orting Elementary Library



Orting Elementary Main Entry

Ptarmigan Ridge Elementary will address overcrowding issues with constructing eight additional classrooms, added food service space and a new gymnasium.



Ptarmigan Ridge Floor Plan

Learn more about the 2023 bond at www.ortingschools.org/2023-Bond