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**BOND 2024**

**Focusing on Empowering All  
Students for Their Future!**

On November 5, 2024, voters will be asked to vote on Orting School District's construction bond. This is Orting's community-led plan to address overcrowding and reduce reliance on portable classrooms.

**Want to learn more  
about the bond?**

Find answers to FAQs and more at [OrtingSchools.org/Bond-2024](https://OrtingSchools.org/Bond-2024)

***You're invited!***

Join us on October 29 at 6 p.m. for a Virtual Bond Town Hall! Scan the QR code to join us.



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# WHY IS OSD ASKING FOR A BOND?

Three out of our four schools  
are *overcapacity*

## Orting Elementary School

- ➡ Built for 290 students
- ➡ 273 students overcapacity



## Orting High School

- ➡ Built for 600 students
- ➡ 294 students overcapacity



## Ptarmigan Ridge Elementary School

- ➡ Built for 460 students
- ➡ 277 students overcapacity



## Over 800 students

between our three overcrowded schools are being served in portable classrooms.



Orting Elementary School and Orting High School share one campus. This map shows the portables on the shared campus.

■ Orting Elementary School    ■ Orting High School

Orting is *growing*

## ENROLLMENT FORECAST

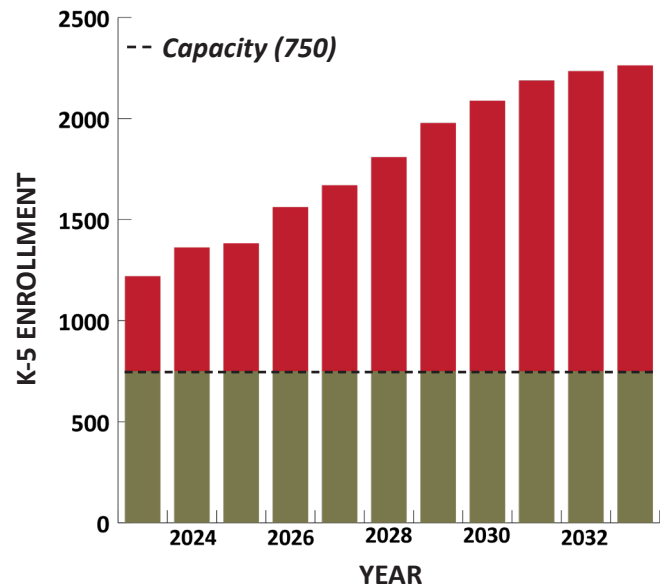
### K-12 total enrollment forecast by 2033

**2023**                      **2033**  
**40%**                      **+148%**  
overcapacity            overcapacity  
(2,694 students)      (5,089 students)  
K-12 total permanent  
capacity: 2,049

### K-5 enrollment forecast by 2033

**+200%**  
overcapacity  
(2,263 students)

### 2023-2033 K-5 Total Enrollment



If approved in November 2024, a new elementary school would open in fall 2028. This would significantly reduce current and future overcrowding.



# 2024 BOND PACKAGE



New Elementary School



Ptarmigan Ridge Elementary Addition



Career and Technical Education (CTE) Remodel and Addition



Safety and Health Updates

## BOND MEASURE COST

*School bond measure money is an investment in our community, ensuring that every dollar is spent locally to improve school facilities.*

This bond is for **\$119.2 million** and will cost an estimated \$1.51 per \$1,000 in assessed valuation. If the 2024 bond passes, the tax rate does not increase until 2025.

**46% lower  
tax rate**




than the previous bond that was paid off in 2022.



## Bond Rate and Tax Scenarios

The estimated bond rate increase will be \$1.51 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Below are property tax scenarios showing the estimated tax rate of \$1.51 for 2025.

			
Assessed value	\$350,000	\$450,000	\$550,000
Est. Tax Rate	\$44/month	\$56/month	\$69/month



## NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

With over 560 students, Orting Elementary School has grown to twice the size it was built for in 1968. There are as many students in portable facilities as there are in the main building. **Every classroom and portable is full.** With one set of bathrooms serving 250 students, parking, lunchroom, and other limitations, we have simply outgrown our ability to serve existing students.

### WHERE?

This new facility will be constructed on 65 acres the district acquired in 2022 which sits adjacent to Orting High School.

### WHEN?

Anticipated opening fall 2028.

### WHY?

Opening a new facility on a separate campus allows Orting Elementary School to grow and serve our students in a safe, healthy facility. Overcrowding impacts traffic, parking, meal service, class sizes, and many other factors. A new facility would not only better serve our elementary students in keeping two comparably sized elementary schools, but would also allow our high school to grow on its own campus.

## PTARMIGAN RIDGE ELEMENTARY ADDITION

In this bond, we will address overcrowding concerns by adding a new gym to allow for consistent P.E./Health instruction and cafeteria expansion.

Additional projects will include a secure main entry, keyless controls, an automatic lockdown system, and upgraded heating and cooling systems.



### WHEN?

Anticipated opening fall 2027.

### WHY?

Ptarmigan Ridge Elementary was built to house 460 students. We now have 737 students at Ptarmigan Ridge and **have far outgrown our permanent space.** Students split their gym as a cafeteria, cutting into physical education and lunch time for students.





## ORTING HIGH SCHOOL REMODEL AND ADDITION

This bond will result in building a 200-student addition to Orting High School focusing on Career and Technical Education with manufacturing and aerospace labs and remodeling our current agricultural shop and culinary kitchen space.

### WHERE?

On the Orting High School campus, near the district office.

### WHEN?

Anticipated opening summer 2026.

### WHY?

The main sections of Orting High School were built in 1986. We have the same number of science, technology, and career technical education labs as we did in 1986. **This is grossly insufficient** to prepare our students for the type of jobs and industry they will face after high school. According to a U.S. Census Bureau study, 80 percent of graduates will live and work within 100 miles of where they grew up and compete for local jobs. This necessary update to our high school will help prepare our students for competitive careers.

## ORTING MIDDLE SCHOOL SAFETY AND HEALTH UPGRADES

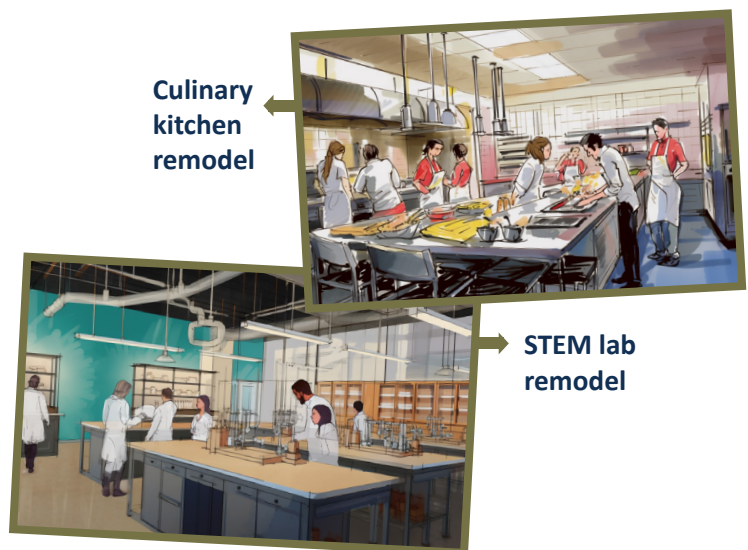
This bond will provide Orting Middle School with keyless control and lockdown system improvements as well as heating and cooling system upgrades.

### WHEN?

Anticipated project completion summer 2027.

### WHY?

The state does not provide funding for safety and security upgrades at schools. As schools age, our district must rely on a bond to ensure our school buildings are modernized to meet current safety standards.



Culinary kitchen remodel

STEM lab remodel



## HOW WILL TRAFFIC IMPROVE?

### ORTING HIGH SCHOOL

**35%**

more parking

### ORTING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Quarter Mile**

added for drop-off  
and pick-up

**65%**

more parking

## THE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND WILL FUND IMPROVEMENTS ACROSS THE DISTRICT



Balance enrollment with a new elementary school



Modernize and expand school



Safety and security improvements



Expand educational opportunities for students



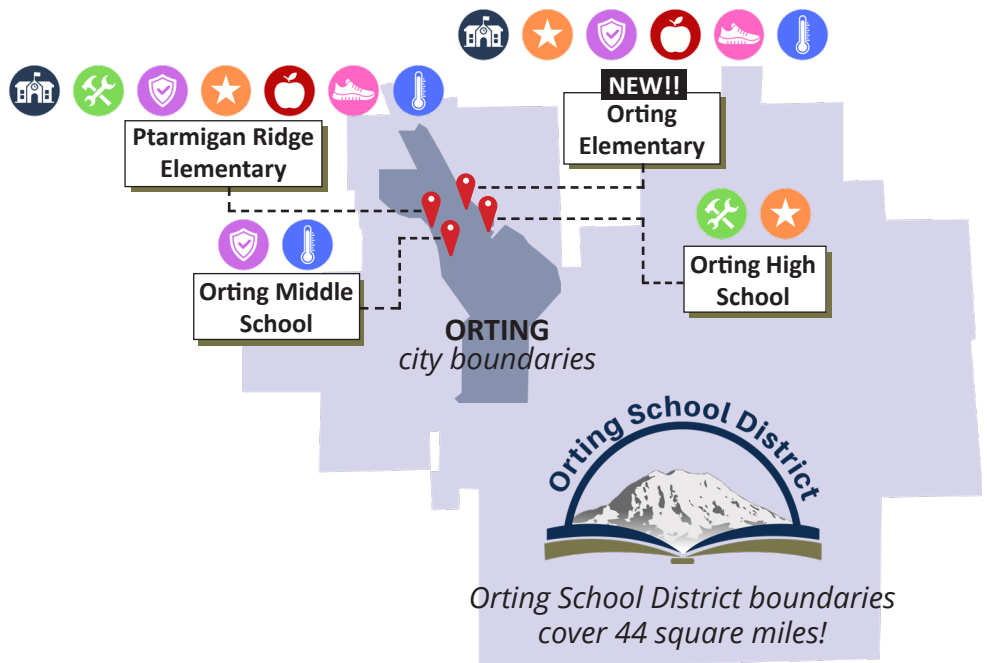
Broaden student meal access with updated cafeteria



New gymnasium for school and community use



Enhance heating and cooling systems



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## REMEMBER TO VOTE!

Voters within the Orting School District boundaries area will receive a ballot in the mail in October 2024 to vote on this school bond. Make sure to vote by **November 5, 2024!**

## Property Exemptions and Deferrals Information

Some seniors and disabled homeowners may be eligible for a property tax exemption, based on income. For details, please call the Pierce County Assessor's Office at (253) 789-6111 or visit their website:

[www.piercecountywa.gov/682/Property-Tax-Exemptions-Deferrals](http://www.piercecountywa.gov/682/Property-Tax-Exemptions-Deferrals)



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