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Fall 2024 Newsletter

Second Elementary School, District Safety the Focus for February 2025 Bond Measure

The Hockinson School District School Board voted unanimously on October 28 to place a bond on the February 11, 2025 Special Election ballot. The proposal includes the construction of a second elementary school, improvements to the HHES campus, district-wide school safety upgrades, a new job readiness education building and replacement track and multi-use field at the high school, and a covered outdoor area at the middle school.



WHAT WOULD THE BOND FUND?

The bond would bring the following improvements to Hockinson at a cost of about \$44/month for the average owner of a \$750,000 home.



A second elementary school next to Hockinson Meadows Park to relieve overcrowding at Hockinson Heights Elementary School (shown above). At 924 students, HHES is the largest elementary school by student population in Clark County.



Safety improvements at all Hockinson schools, bringing all schools to the same safety standards so that they have automatic lockdown functionality, electronic emergency messaging in classrooms and a single secure entry.



Career & Technical Education building for job readiness classes at Hockinson High School.



Improvements to outdoor areas at the middle and high school to increase year-round, multi-use access for students and community members while reducing maintenance costs.

Learn more about the bond on the February 11 ballot:



Americorps Advocates Support Student Learning

This year, Hockinson School District received a grant through the Americorps Washington Reading Corps program for five Americorps Student Learning Advocate positions to support student academic success. Olivia Witherspoon, Keeley Hall, Rachelle Hymas, Elin Bony, and Adam Harris-Bloom support elementary students in literacy skills and provide mentorship and homework help to middle and high school students in Hockinson.



Student Learning Advocates Keeley Hall (top banner) and Rachelle Hymas (above) offer classwork help to HHES students.



STONE IN LOVE COMMUNITY CONCERT ON DECEMBER 5 AT 6:30 PM!

Join us in the HHS Gymnasium. Admission is two cans of non-perishable food for the annual HSD/Fire District 3 Holiday Canned Food Drive.





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Superintendent's Message

Hockinson Community,

As we start the new school year, I'm excited to share updates that reflect our commitment to educational innovation and financial responsibility.

This fall, we've introduced five new grant-funded Student Learning Advocates and one grant-funded College and Career Readiness Advisor at the high school. These programs, along with our ongoing technology upgrades—completed without the need for a separate tech levy—are a testament to our commitment to resourcefulness and fiscal responsibility.

Our neighbors also make a difference in our schools by sharing their time and expertise. Volunteer efforts like the library refresh at Hockinson High School, the PWT fall carnival, the Boosters Fun Run, Fire District 3's safety lessons, and community donations, such as sunflowers from O'Keefe Farms, continue to show how local support enhances our students' learning experiences.

Thank you to the hundreds of Hockinson families who filled out facility surveys from the Facilities Planning Committee this year. Family input shaped the school board's bond proposal, which will be on the February 11 ballot. This bond would fund solutions to our families' top facility priorities. We also clearly heard the community's expectations for cost-effective solutions. Families can count on us to continue the tradition of using our resources creatively and efficiently to get the job done. That is, after all, the "Hockinson Way."

- Steve Marshall



Grant Funds College and Career Advisor

Meet Cree Reynolds! She helps students at Hockinson High School explore their strengths and plan for their futures after. This position will benefit students for another two years!

Volunteer-Driven HHS Library Project

Hockinson High School's library got a reader-friendly refresh thanks to 18 dedicated volunteers led by HSD parent Scott Tomlinson.



Local Farm Supports HMS Art Activity

This fall, O'Keefe Farms donated sunflowers to Mrs. Marano for a class art activity. This is one of the many ways the Hockinson community comes together for students.

Learning Technology Receives Timely Updates

All classroom technology in the HSD that is over six years old is being replaced. Careful planning and fiscal responsibility have enabled the HSD to accomplish these updates without a separate tech levy.

