

ADDRESSING OSD AGING FACILITIES

Bond Task Force update

The Bond Task Force Committee was created by the Board of Directors to study the district's facilities needs and provide feedback to the board. The Task Force will play a critical role in assessing and analyzing data, evaluating facility needs, and partnering with the Board of Directors to make a recommendation to the local community regarding a future school bond.

PREVIOUS BOND FOCUSES

The Orting School District has previously run four bonds from 2023 to 2024, focusing on projects throughout the district.



ORTING HIGH SCHOOL

A part of all the bond proposals included upgrading the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program at the high school. This included remodeling the agriculture shop and culinary kitchen as well as building an addition for manufacturing and aerospace labs.



ORTING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

One of the main focuses in all the bond proposals is expanding elementary space. This includes rebuilding Orting Elementary School as a K-5 elementary school.



PTARMIGAN RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Rebuilding Orting Elementary also helps alleviate the overcrowding issues at Ptarmigan Ridge Elementary. PTR's largest problem is its shared lunchroom and gym space. All of the bond proposals included building a new gym and a consistent P.E. instruction cafeteria expansion. Also included were safety and security upgrades such as keyless control and a dual-entry vestibule.



ORTING MIDDLE SCHOOL

Projects at Orting Middle School that have been included in all of the bond proposals are security and health upgrades. Improvements were comprised of heating and cooling system updates and keyless control systems installed.

WHY A BOND IS NEEDED

KEY FACILITY NEEDS:

- **Overcapacity and Overcrowding:** One of our greatest needs lies with our elementary facilities. Orting Elementary School was built in 1968, and with the addition in 1977, the school was built to house 290 students. With over 560 students in our current care, the lack of permanent space is felt in every aspect of our school.
- **Post-High School Preparation:** 80 percent of graduates will live and work within 100 miles of where they grew up and compete for local jobs. 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 industries they will face after high school.
- **Security and Health Upgrades:** From the community surveys sent out during the spring and summer of 2023, one of the top priorities was improving safety, health, and security. These projects include upgrading keyless control/lockdown systems, and Ptarmigan Ridge Elementary will receive a dual-entry vestibule. This bond will also result in significant improvements to the heating and cooling systems at Orting Middle School.

BOND COMMUNICATION

Communication that has been sent to families that included information about our facilities or bond proposals.

2023

FEBRUARY - SEPTEMBER



2024

FEBRUARY - DECEMBER



PREVIOUS ELECTIONS BOND DATA

FEBRUARY 2023 SPECIAL ELECTION

YES: 2,149 (54.92%)

NO: 1,764 (45.08%)

TOTAL VOTES: 3,913

BALLOTS MAILED: 11,637

BALLOTS RECEIVED: 34.35%

APRIL 2023 SPECIAL ELECTION

YES: 2,108 (51.84%)

NO: 1,958 (48.16%)

TOTAL VOTES: 4,066

BALLOTS MAILED: 11,747

BALLOTS RECEIVED: 35.19%

FEBRUARY 2024 SPECIAL ELECTION

YES: 2,512 (55.83%)

NO: 1,987 (44.17%)

TOTAL VOTES: 4,499

BALLOTS MAILED: 12,246

BALLOTS RECEIVED: 37.24%

NOVEMBER 2024 GENERAL/PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

YES: 5,893 (58.99%)

NO: 4,096 (41.01%)

TOTAL VOTES: 9,989

BALLOTS MAILED: 13,262

BALLOTS RECEIVED: 80.26%

COMPARISON: NOVEMBER 2023

GENERAL/PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

BALLOTS RECEIVED: 23.08%

