

## Update on Bond-Funded Construction at South Salem High School



## Fall 2019

Thanks to voters in Salem and Keizer, South Salem High School will soon be receiving major improvements!

In May 2018, voters approved a \$619.7 million bond to fund construction work all across the school district. Many schools will have renovations and expansions to relieve overcrowding, increase safety and security, expand access to technology and more. Plans for South Salem include 12 new classrooms, two new science labs, two expanded career and technical (vocational) education spaces, new special education spaces, a new auxiliary gym, a new performing arts center, new tennis courts and expanded parking. Over \$66 million will be invested in improvements at South Salem.



At the end of last school year, a team of representatives from the school held several meetings with Anderson Shirley Architects and district Construction Services staff to plan the location of the new spaces and other design decisions. South Salem staff contributed important perspective on the needs of students and the school.



Over the summer, architects have been working to refine these schematic designs into very detailed drawings and instructions that contractors will use to construct the new spaces. Construction is planned to start in spring 2020 and is estimated to take about 18 months to complete.

This means South Salem will be under construction for much of next school year (2020-2021). It also means the campus will be closed for the summers of 2020 and 2021.

Construction will cause some disruption to our normal routines, but we will work with contractors to minimize impacts to the school day. The district has already successfully completed one renovation (Gubser Elementary School) and has four more in progress during the current school year. As a district, we're becoming adept at operating productive, safe learning environments while under construction.

Thanks to the community's support of the 2018 bond, South Salem will soon provide a safer, less crowded and more productive learning environment for our students!

For more information about plans for South Salem High School, please visit <a href="https://salkeiz.k12.or.us/south-salem-bond/">https://salkeiz.k12.or.us/south-salem-bond/</a>

