

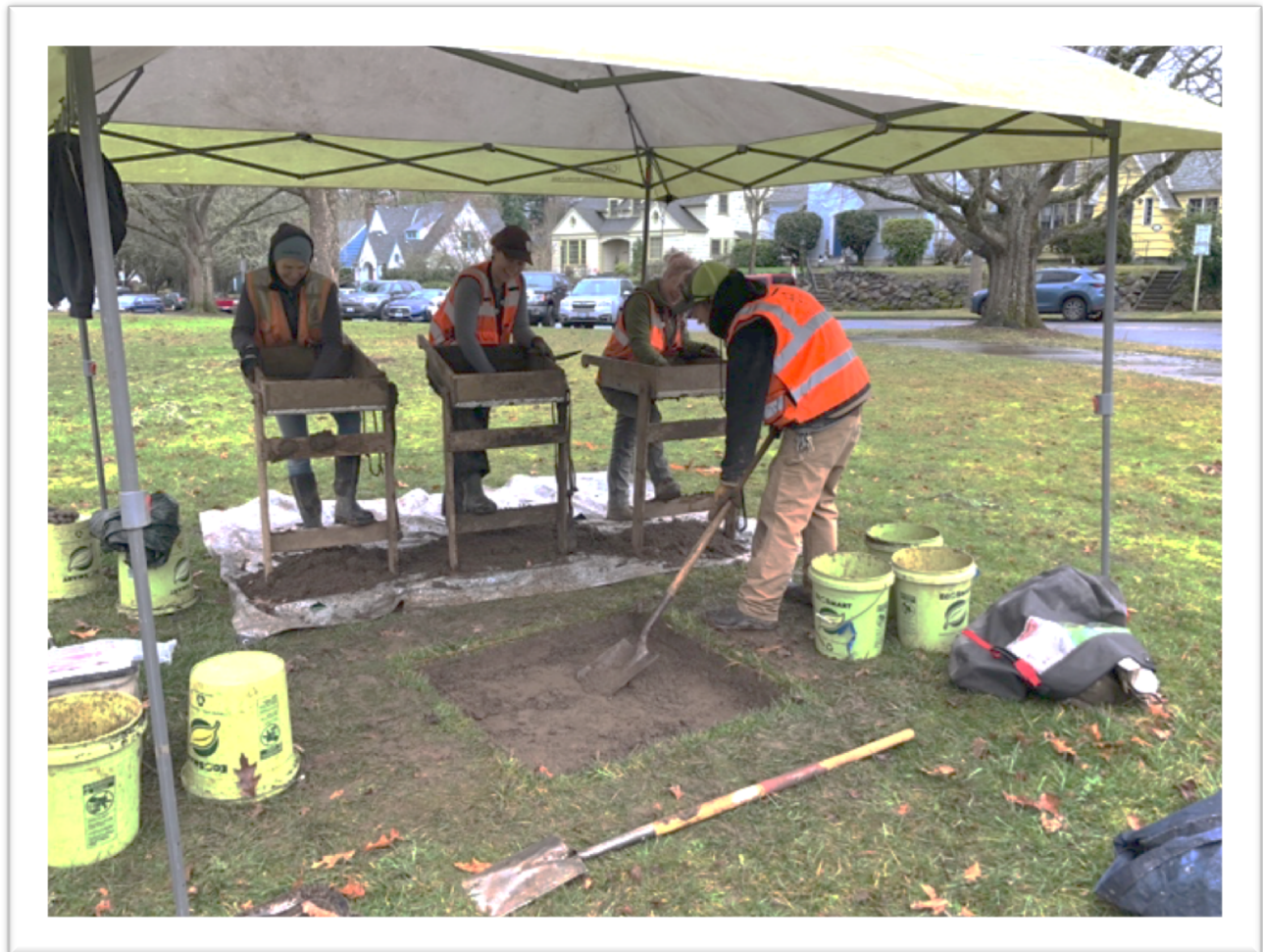
Bond-Funded Construction Starts Spring Break!
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Construction improvements funded by the 2018 bond are on schedule to start in earnest at South Salem during Spring Break!

South's project management team at the district's Construction Services Department has been working hard to hire contractors and finalize the schedule and phases of construction work.

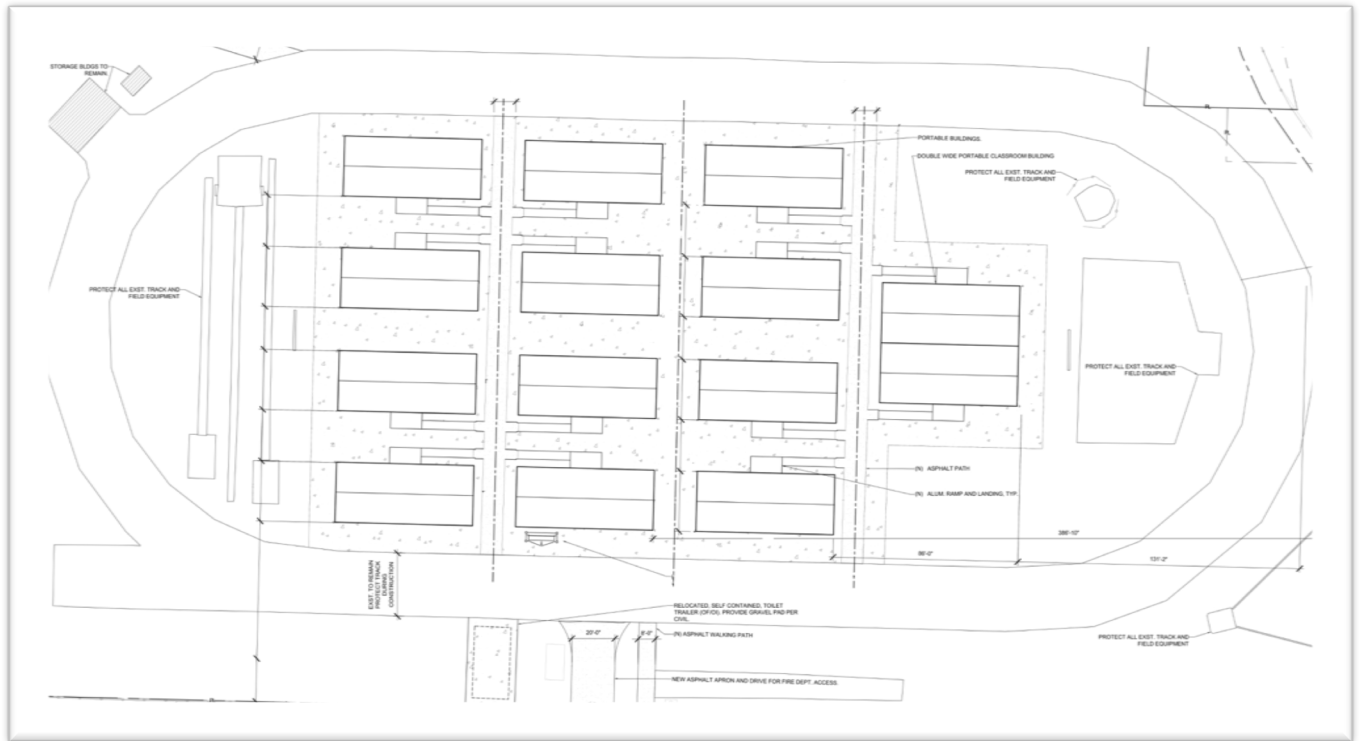
Some pre-construction work has already started. Before breaking ground, archaeology teams from Archaeological Investigations Northwest have been sampling corners of our school site to document any findings of cultural or historical significance. The district is especially interested in understanding the significance of the site in regard to the First Americans and native cultures.



Construction fencing and portable office buildings for contractors will soon be installed on site. **All staff, students and campus visitors must STAY OUTSIDE the fenced areas.** Safety is the top

priority during construction, and for this reason, only authorized persons will be allowed inside the construction zone.

Other pre-construction work that will start soon includes installing temporary portable classrooms on the infield of the track. The portables will provide replacement classroom space for some areas of the main building that will be demolished or displaced during construction. Some students can expect to start attending classes inside the temporary portables right after Spring Break. Once construction is complete, the portables will be removed and the track infield will be restored.



As things start to change on campus, we'll have to make other temporary adjustments to our normal routines. For example, we expect some adjustments to parking at South. **Parking is already extremely limited and construction will not make it easier in the short term. It's important to realize this now and consider taking alternative transportation methods to the school.**

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding of some of the discomforts that come with making improvements. The good news is that once construction is complete, there will be approximately 40 more parking spaces at the school than before.

Construction is scheduled to be substantially complete by fall 2021. When the work is finished, South Salem will have 12 new general education classrooms, two new science labs, expanded career and technical (vocational) program spaces for culinary and sports medicine, a new auxiliary gym, a new theater and music rooms, and many more improvements. We certainly believe the improvements at South will be worth the temporary discomfort!

South will officially celebrate the start of construction with a groundbreaking event on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. The community is welcome to attend to celebrate and thank the Salem and Keizer communities for supporting the bond.

For more information about the 2018 bond program, please visit the district website at www.salemkeizer.org/projects-status

