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Local Government Unit Gervais School District

The Gervais School District No. 1 will be awarded a \$6 million grant from the State of Oregon if the voters approve the \$28.13 million general obligation bond.

Gervais Elementary School was built in 1934 and has had minor additions and remodeling over the years. The same goes for Gervais High School, which was built in 1963. Gervais Middle School consists of two prefabricated modular buildings (one constructed in 1999 and one in 2013) created when the district consolidated to provide a separate facility for 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders. It provided classrooms but no common areas.

The district reconvened the Pre-Bond Planning Committee of parents, staff and community stakeholders to consider feedback gathered after the May 2023 bond was defeated and re-prioritized projects. The district also engaged the general public to gather input both in-person and online from July 2023 to February 2024.

Bond funds would be used for safety, security and technology additions and upgrades at all buildings.

Project Lists include:

#### Finish Gervais Middle School

- Construct new multipurpose building for cafeteria, kitchen, library, media, science and general education classrooms, secure front entry and main office space. Covered walkways between buildings.
- Improvements to existing building and site, gym, including expanding undersized classroom spaces, security, expansion of drop-off and parking zones for safety, walkways, fencing to enclose campus.

#### Safety and HVAC improvements at Gervais Elementary School

- New HVAC system including electrical
- Replace plumbing systems
- Replace roof
- Remodel front entry for ADA access and secure entrance
- Improve security systems throughout the campus
- Exterior improvements including window replacement and siding
- Upgrade student restrooms
- Replace ceilings, flooring, walls and paint the interior

## Updates at Gervais High School

### General education classroom upgrades

- Upgrades to the plumbing, electrical, and ventilation of systems of the existing science labs
- Update and expand small and outdated learning spaces

### Infrastructure, Access and Safety at Gervais High School

- Safety and security upgrades: door hardware, security fencing, cameras
- ADA accessibility upgrade at gym mezzanine
- New secure front entry and front office remodel to accommodate security entry changes
- Exterior improvements including window and door replacements and paint
- Replace roof
- Upgrade existing student locker rooms and restrooms to meet current code
- Replace ceiling, flooring, walls and paint in interior
- HVAC upgrades
- Replace plumbing and electrical systems

Additional security features throughout all district properties including monitoring systems and cameras.

If projects are under budget, remodel elementary cafeteria, athletic field restrooms, bleachers, press box, field lighting, outdoor students spaces and structures added.

If the bond passes, a community oversight committee will be formed and charged with ensuring the monies spent align with the bond as described on the ballot measure. Bonds may be issued in one or more series; each maturing within 25 years from issuance. If approved, the bond tax rate is estimated to be \$1.85 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value. Actual rates may vary based upon interest rates incurred and changes in assessed value.