



June 2025 Newsletter Bond Project Updates

Dear Fern Ridge School District Community,

As summer begins, so does an exciting phase of construction and progress across our schools. With multiple capital bond projects now underway, we're seeing the results of months of planning taking shape, thanks to the continued support of our families, staff, project teams, and community. From athletic facilities to classroom upgrades and safer outdoor environments, every improvement reflects our shared commitment to student success.

Following is a snapshot of where we stand with key projects throughout the district.

For more information and updates as we progress, please visit:

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Elmira High School Projects

Athletics Project

- **Recent Progress:** Construction began on April 1 and is well underway. Local contractor Delta Sand & Gravel has completed most of the underground electrical, storm drainage, and irrigation work. The curbs for the track are in place, and preparation has started on both the track and turf subgrade. Footings for new outbuildings are also being excavated.
- **Next Steps:** The track will be paved by July 7, which allows for a 30-day curing period before the rubberized surface is installed in August. During that curing window, the football turf field will also be installed, keeping the project moving forward. Restrooms, concessions, and ticketing buildings are expected to arrive by June 10 and will be erected by mid-July. The grandstand and press box will be delivered on August 1, with a three-week installation schedule. Parking lot work begins June 16 and is scheduled to be paved over the week of August 18. Additional work includes scoreboard installation (June 16–27), new lighting for the field and relocated softball lights (June 16–20), and installation of the new discus/hammer cage (August 7–8).
- **Cost Considerations:** The project still remains within the Board-adjusted budget.
- **Completion Timeline:** All work is scheduled for completion before our first home football game on September 5.



Inner and outer curbs set for track



Curbs set for perimeter walk



Grounds required cement-treatment



Elmira High School Projects

Additional Athletics Project Images



Extensive storm drainage required for field, plaza, and out buildings.



Line power and low voltage conduits ran under paved plaza for lighting, sound, timer, and out buildings.



Curbs placed at the far north end for jumping events and pole vault sand pits.

Science Room Renovations

- **Recent Progress:** The project was bid in combination with the Veneta Elementary gym/restroom upgrades and came in under budget. 2G Construction, based in Eugene, was awarded the contract and has been actively preparing, including ordering long-lead materials and conducting multiple site visits.
- **Next Steps:** Construction is scheduled to begin on June 16 and continue through August 22, ensuring completion before the start of the school year.
- **Cost Considerations:** The project is under budget.
- **Completion Timeline:** June 16 – August 22, 2025.



Fern Ridge Middle School Projects

Outdoor Improvements

- **Recent Progress:** Design for outdoor improvements has been completed, and the project is currently out to bid, with submissions due by June 26.
- **Next Steps:** Construction will begin shortly after bids are awarded and will include updates to the bus loop, fencing, demolition of existing shelters, and installation of new footings. Due to fabrication timelines, the new shelters will be installed in the fall and completed by mid-November.
- **Cost Considerations:** The project is being carefully managed with cost efficiency in mind.
- **Completion Timeline:** Initial work will be completed by the end of August 2025, with final shelter installation completed by November 14.

Science Room Upgrades

- **Recent Progress:** Early design is underway and will continue through the fall.
- **Next Steps:** Final design is expected by November, with the project out to bid in December. Construction will take place in summer 2026.
- **Cost Considerations:** The team is reviewing early cost estimates and exploring adjustments to stay within budget.
- **Completion Timeline:** Summer 2026.



Veneta Elementary School Projects

Gym & Restroom Complex Improvements

- **Recent Progress:** This project was combined with Elmira High's science renovations in the bidding process and came in under budget. The contract was awarded to 2G Construction, who have already started logistics planning and material ordering.
- **Next Steps:** Construction will take place from June 16 through August 22.
- **Cost Considerations:** The project is currently under budget.
- **Completion Timeline:** June 16 – August 22, 2025.

Parking Lot Restoration

- **Recent Progress:** Project planning is underway.
- **Next Steps:** Design work for parking and drainage upgrades will begin this fall, with construction anticipated for summer 2026.
- **Cost Considerations:** Budget planning is ongoing.
- **Completion Timeline:** Design in Fall 2025, Construction in Summer 2026.



Elmira Elementary School Projects

Outdoor Upgrades

- **Recent Progress:** Fencing upgrades were completed over spring break. The Bridges Program play structure is currently in fabrication and includes a large main play structure along with smaller musical and sensory pieces.
- **Next Steps:** The new play structure is expected to arrive around August 1 and will take approximately two weeks to install before the start of the school year. Storm drainage improvements are designed and currently out for quotes, with work planned for July.
- **Cost Considerations:** All Elmira Elementary projects are progressing on budget.
- **Completion Timeline:** Fencing – Spring 2025 (complete); Playground – August 2025; Storm Drainage – July 2025.



District-Wide Mechanical Improvements

- **Recent Progress:** The project was bid and came in under budget. Alliant Systems, a longtime local partner, was awarded the work. All equipment orders have been submitted and approved, and fabrication is underway.
- **Next Steps:** Installation will begin on June 16 and continue through August 29, primarily at Fern Ridge Middle School and Elmira High School.
- **Cost Considerations:** Project remains under budget, with funds set aside for future equipment needs.
- **Completion Timeline:** June 16 – August 29, 2025. Additional work planned for Summer 2026.



Mechanical PreBid Facility Walk Through



Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) Update

- **Recent Meeting:** The BOC convened on June 5, 2025, to review the budget, schedule, project scopes, renovations and athletic facility improvements.
- **Next Steps:** The committee will meet again on August 27, 2025, to review progress, assess communications, and confirm the project schedule remains on track.

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Looking Ahead

Summer is always a time of transformation in our schools, and this year we're seeing that transformation take shape in powerful ways. With construction crews mobilized and project timelines moving forward, we're on track to complete major improvements before students return in the fall.

We're grateful to our community for your continued support and partnership, and we look forward to welcoming students back to refreshed, safe, and inspiring spaces.

Professionally,

Gary Carpenter | Superintendent

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