



April 2025 Newsletter Bond Project Updates

Dear Fern Ridge School District Community,

Spring has arrived, and with it comes exciting progress across the district as we continue moving forward with our capital bond projects. From active construction to project planning and design, there's tremendous momentum happening throughout our schools. These improvements are made possible through your support, and we're thrilled to share updates on how the work is taking shape.

Every step brings us closer to modern, safe, and engaging environments for our students and staff. Thank you for being such an integral part of this effort, we're proud of what we're accomplishing together.

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

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

<https://www.fernridge.k12.or.us/archived-bond-info/>



Elmira High School Projects

Athletics Project

- **Recent Progress:** The athletics project has been fully awarded to Tarkett and Benchmark. Construction is underway, led by local contractor Delta Sand & Gravel. They are currently handling excavation, rock placement, and storm drainage installation, along with other sitework and utilities.
- **Next Steps:** Construction documents have been submitted for permits, and the earthwork permit has been released. The dental clinic will temporarily relocate to Elmira Elementary on June 13. The onsite medical clinic will remain open throughout construction. An exciting addition to the project includes lighting for the softball fields this summer.
- **Cost Considerations:** The project remains on budget, with the district continuing to explore opportunities for cost savings while maintaining quality.
- **Completion Timeline:** Work is scheduled for completion prior to the first Elmira High School football game on September 5.



Erosion Control

Science Room Renovations

- **Recent Progress:** The project has been publicly bid and awarded to 2G Construction of Eugene, with the accepted bid coming in below budget.
- **Next Steps:** Construction is set to begin in mid-June 2025 and conclude by the end of August 2025.



Site Safety



Delta Sand & Gravel is onsite and work is underway!



Safety & Security Fencing is up!



Fern Ridge Middle School Projects

Outdoor Improvements

- **Recent Progress:** Design is ongoing, with public bidding to follow.
- **Next Steps:** Once design is finalized, schedule and planning to be confirmed.

Science Room Upgrades

- **Next Steps:** Design work is scheduled to begin in late Spring 2025, with completion in Fall 2025.
- **Construction Timeline:** Full construction is scheduled for Summer 2026.



Veneta Elementary School Projects

Gym & Restroom Complex Improvements

- **Recent Progress:** The project was publicly bid, awarded to 2G Construction, and came in below budget.
- **Next Steps:** Rowell Brokaw Architects completed the design in February 2025, paving the way for summer construction.
- **Scope:** The project includes upgrades to the gymnasium & one restroom complex.

Parking Lot Restoration

- **Timeline:** Design will be completed this Fall, with construction anticipated in 2026.
- **Next Steps:** The district continues to explore options to expand the parking lot to better serve the school community.



Elmira Elementary School Projects

- **Fence Security Upgrades:** Completed during Spring Break 2025.
- **Drainage System Improvements:** Design is complete and pricing is being solicited. Construction is scheduled for Summer 2025.
- **Playground Enhancements (Bridges Program):** The district has selected and procured a new play structure, which includes both large and small elements—such as musical features. The equipment will arrive in August 2025 and be installed before the start of the school year.



District-Wide Mechanical Improvements

- **Current Work:** The mechanical systems project has been awarded to Alliant Systems, the lowest bidder and a longtime district partner. They will perform work at Fern Ridge Middle School and Elmira High School during Summer 2025.
- **Next Steps:** With design complete and the project coming in under budget, some funds will be reserved for future equipment replacements.
- **Timeline:** Minor upgrades are scheduled for Summer 2025, while larger-scale mechanical work is planned for Summer 2026 due to equipment lead times.



Mechanical PreBid Facility Walk Through



Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) Update

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

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Looking Ahead

With spring construction season officially underway, our district is entering a dynamic phase of implementation. From groundbreaking work to finalizing bids, each project reflects our shared commitment to safe, functional, and inspiring learning environments for all students.

We deeply appreciate your continued support and partnership. As always, we'll keep you updated as more milestones are achieved throughout the coming months.

Professionally,

Gary Carpenter | Superintendent

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