



## Knappa School District No. 4

*The Knappa School District will Inspire all learners to Achieve academically and Thrive as independent and Productive citizens.*

### **Board of Directors' Regular Meeting (Fully Virtual)**

**Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2026**

**6:30 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Communications and Hearing of Interested Parties**

SUBMIT [PUBLIC COMMENT HERE: https://knappa.schoolinsites.com/comment](https://knappa.schoolinsites.com/comment)

*The Board welcomes visitors to our meetings, and values comments from district patrons. The Board, at their discretion, will recognize comments from the audience. We must require, however, that complaints be directed through the administration for resolution. Comments made during this session must be free of abusive language, personal attacks on district personnel, and not directed towards any department which, due to its low staffing, would amount to an attack by in affect naming district personnel. We ask that presentations be limited to (3) minutes and be submitted prior to 3pm the day of meetings.*

**3. New Business**

**3.1 Approval of Partnership with Knappa Fire District's Oregon Regional Infrastructure Fund Grant Application**

**4. Board Member Reports and Future Agenda Items**

**Next Meetings:**

Wednesday, Sept 23, 2026 Regular Board Meeting 6:30pm, Knappa High School Library.

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2026 Regular Board Meeting 6:30pm, Knappa High School Library.



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William Fritz Ph.D. KSD Superintendent

September 9, 2026

Oregon Business Development Department  
Oregon Regional Infrastructure Fund  
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Salem, OR 97301

### **RE: Letter of Support — Knappa Fire District's Oregon Regional Infrastructure Fund Grant Application**

Dear Members of the Review Committee:

On behalf of the Knappa School District Board of Directors, we write to express our full support for the Knappa Fire District's application to the Oregon Regional Infrastructure Fund. If awarded, this grant would fund fire sprinkler installation at Knappa High School and emergency generators with transfer switches at Knappa High School, Knappa Middle School, and Hilda Lahti Elementary. While the Knappa Fire District serves as the applicant and fiscal sponsor, all of the proposed work would take place at our facilities, and our students, staff, and community would be the direct beneficiaries of this investment.

### **Why This Project Matters to Our District**

Knappa High School is designated as a community shelter in the regional Hazard Mitigation Plan for tsunami, Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake, and wildfire events. In that role, it is called upon not only to educate our students but to protect our entire community in a disaster. The Phase One fire sprinkler installation and the district-wide generator and transfer switch project directly strengthen that capacity, ensuring our campuses have clean and sufficient water for fire suppression and reliable power availability when our community needs them most.

- Water infrastructure and power generation and availability — Both are regional priorities of the Oregon Regional Infrastructure Fund, and both are addressed directly by this project across our three school campuses.
- Support of youth by a strong community — These improvements protect the buildings where our children learn every day, and where our community gathers in emergencies.
- Wise and efficient use of infrastructure investment — Coordinating fire suppression and backup power upgrades across shared campus infrastructure delivers meaningful resilience gains through a single, well-planned investment.

- Clean and sufficient water for all uses — The Phase One sprinkler system equips Knappa High School with the water infrastructure necessary for effective fire suppression.

It is also worth noting that Knappa School District houses our district's preschool program on site. This project therefore supports Oregon's statewide priority of childcare infrastructure as well, ensuring our youngest learners are served by a facility with modern fire protection and dependable emergency power.

As a rural district in Clatsop County, Knappa relies on strong partnerships — like the one we share with the Knappa Fire District — to accomplish infrastructure improvements that would otherwise be out of reach. We are grateful for the Fire District's leadership in pursuing this grant on our behalf, and we fully endorse this application.

The Knappa School District Board of Directors and Superintendent respectfully urge the Committee's favorable consideration of this grant request. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can provide any additional information in support of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Montgomery, Chair  
Knappa School District Board of Directors

Hannah Bryan, Vice-Chair  
Knappa School District Board of Directors

Will Isom  
Knappa School District Board of Directors

Cullen Bangs  
Knappa School District Board of Directors

Michelle Finn  
Knappa School District Board of Directors

William Fritz, Ph.D., Superintendent  
Knappa School District