

What is happening with the Clatskanie School District bond work?

Time to give the students, staff, and community an update on what is happening with the expenditure of the bond funds. During the time that school is in session work is limited, other than planning, but come June work will then be going full tilt again. As we have expressed in previous reports, the 30%+ building cost increases from when the bond was passed remains a challenge, but we are still very excited about what is being accomplished.

A couple things that are happening right now are:

- New lockers at CMHS are finally arriving after a very long delay! The patience of students carrying everything around all day in their backpacks while waiting for this delivery has been greatly appreciated.
- New lighting and sound systems are currently going in the CMHS auditorium.

The summer of 2023 will see the following happen:

- New blacktop at CES and CMHS.
- CMHS will have a newly designed bus-only drop off lane, and a specific parent drop-off lane. Heads up that visitor parking will not be allowed in the bus lane beginning fall '23.
- All CMHS bathrooms will be remodeled.
- Classrooms and hallways at CMHS will receive new flooring and paint.
- CMHS classrooms 101, 102, 105, and 106 will have some walls relocated to equalize the size of those 4 classrooms.
- CMHS kitchen will get some much-needed repairs and replacements.

It is the hope that by the end of this summer 99% of all the work will be completed. The new school year will see the permanent separation of the middle school and high school with the middle school being permanently on the main floor and the high school on the 2nd floor.

If you have not visited CMHS and CES and seen the new, more secure, entries completed last summer, feel free to do so. Changing out the brick on the front of the CMHS entry to glass has made a huge difference in visibility and security for both the staff and the students. A new and expanded intercom system at CES has made for improved communication inside and outside of the building. Last summer's additions of new roofs, HVAC systems, pumps and boilers is not immediately visible but a tremendous improvement for the district.

The bond team is constantly looking for additional dollars through federal and state grants that might allow us to add needed projects that are not currently on the final list, and if that happens you will hear about it!