

# **Oregon School District**

# November 2018 Referendum Information

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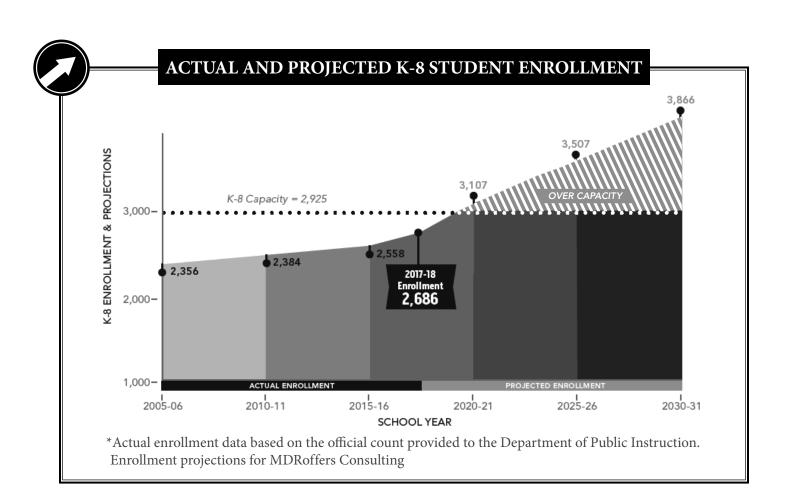
### SIGNIFICANT PROJECTED GROWTH

The Oregon School District is projected to grow by 2,000 resident students by the year 2030 — an increase of 50 percent over our current enrollment. While we have addressed growth through previous planning efforts, these most recent projections forecast a growth rate faster than could have been anticipated.

Our current K-8<sup>th</sup> grade schools cannot accommodate this increased number of students and we must act now. By 2020, Rome Corners Intermediate and our elementary schools will be overcrowded, while Oregon Middle School will approach its capacity by 2025.



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#### THE SOLUTION: A TWO-PHASE PLAN

The Oregon School Board approved a plan for moving forward after a comprehensive data analysis and community input process. More than a year ago, the Board assembled a task force that worked with MDRoffers Consulting to analyze demographic trends, government land use plans, residential development proposals and housing market trends. The task force also commissioned a capacity study of current facilities.

After months of examining data, holding workshops and listening to community feedback and focus groups, the Board selected a two-phased plan:

- **Phase 1(2018 Referendum):** Build a K-6<sup>th</sup> grade elementary school, that would open for the 2020-21 school year
- **Phase 2 (Future):** Build a 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade middle school estimated to be around 2024 and reconfigure elementary, intermediate and middle schools for K-5<sup>th</sup> grades and two 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade buildings.



## WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED IN THE PHASE 1 2018 REFERENDUM?

### Referendum Question 1 | New K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Elementary School | \$44.9M

- The construction of a new school will address overcrowding in grades K-6.
- The new school will be built in the northern part of our district (Fitchburg), which is experiencing the most significant growth.

### Referendum Question 2 | Operating & Maintenance Expenses | \$2.1M annually

- Operating expenses for a new school
- Maintenance expenses to extend a previously approved maintenance referendum.

#### MORE TO COME!

- Dedicated referendum newsletter mailing with additional details
- Display table at District events
- Frequently asked questions (FAQ)
- Community Open Houses (Learn more and ask questions)
- Voting information



### HOW TO GET MORE INFORMATION



- www.OregonSD.org/referendum
- Contact OSD Superintendent **Dr. Brian Busler** at bsb@OregonSD.org, 835-4003 (office), 333-6169 (cell) or 835-6783 (home)