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Colleagues,

As you know, the district has been working to update the long-range facilities plan that guides us in replacing and renovating outdated school buildings. After extensive public input and board discussion this fall, the superintendent has made his preliminary recommendations.

The school board is inviting input from families, staff and community members before moving forward. A public hearing has been scheduled next week.

We're sharing the following overview with media, parents and the public, as well as with staff. You'll find a link to Shelley's full preliminary recommendations at the bottom.

Thanks for everything you do to keep yourselves and our families informed about what's going on in our school district!

School Board Invites Public Input on Long-Range Facilities Plan

Proposal: replace or renovate 3–4 school buildings in near future

Public hearing set for Wednesday, January 23

The Eugene School Board invites public comment on a long-range plan to replace, renovate or remodel several school buildings over the next 10 years. The plan calls for Eugene School District 4J to continue replacing older school buildings that are worn and costly to maintain with buildings that are more secure, energy efficient and better designed for teaching and learning today.

A public hearing will be held during the regular board meeting on Wed., January 23. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the 4J Education Center, 200 N. Monroe St., Eugene, and will be broadcast live on KRVM 1280-AM.

Superintendent Shelley Berman's preliminary recommendation is to replace or renovate 3–4

aging school buildings in the near future, and to improve security and classroom technology across the district.

The first phase of the plan proposes to:

- Replace *Roosevelt Middle School* at its current site
- Build new classroom areas for *Arts and Technology Academy Middle School*, retaining and renovating parts of the existing building.
- Replace *Howard Elementary School* and possibly also *River Road Elementary School*
- Remodel and add classrooms at *Gilham Elementary School*
- Replace the track and field at *Kelly Middle School*
- Make *security upgrades* at multiple schools

The second phase of the plan proposes to:

- Replace *Camas Ridge Elementary School*
- Renovate or replace *North Eugene High School*
- Make improvements at *Edison Elementary School*
- Expand or remodel at *Sheldon High School*
- Replace one *additional elementary school*

Voters would be asked to approve two bond measures to fund the improvements, with the first bond measure occurring in May or November 2013. The second bond measure would be in 2017 or 2018.

Last school year, the district hired an independent consultant to evaluate all of its school buildings, most of which are more than 50 years old. The report showed which buildings are in the worst condition and made some suggestions about where to begin.

Some of the ideas introduced by the consultant were set aside after public input and board discussion. Options that the board eliminated included consolidating *Edison and Camas Ridge* elementary schools and building a middle school on the *Civic Stadium* site.

[Read the superintendent's preliminary recommendations](#)

[Learn more about the facilities planning process](#)

Regards,

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