

## [River Road Design News] School Design Update: Proposed Property Purchase

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Dear neighbors,

The vision for a modern new learning environment for River Road/El Camino del Río Elementary School is emerging as the building design nears completion. Initial site work will be completed in 2016-17. The new school building will open in 2017, providing a 21st century learning environment for teachers and their students, who learn to read in both English and Spanish.

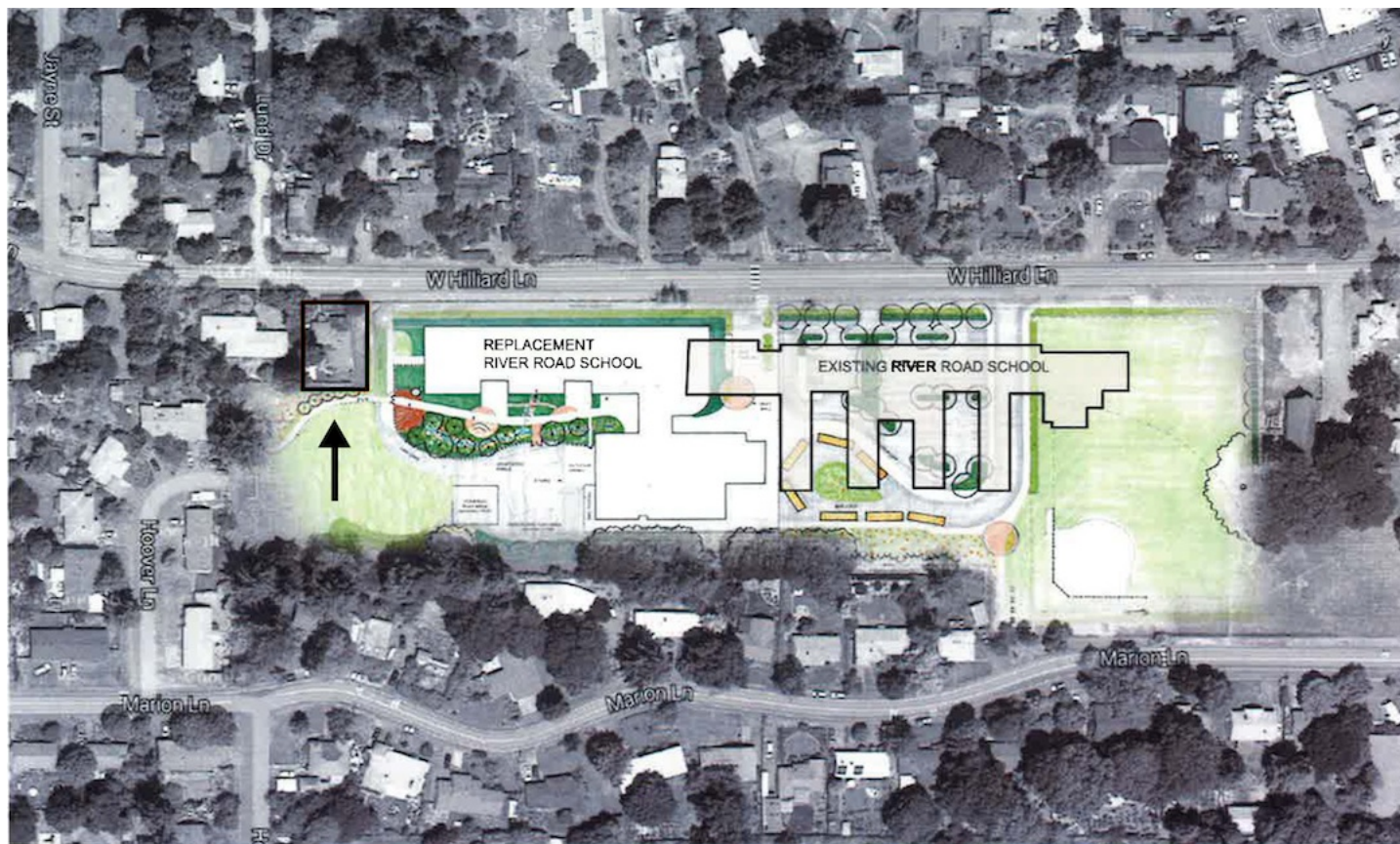
As community members who participated in design workshops and meetings are aware, the school site is very constrained. This makes it challenging to fit in the new school to the existing current school in operation, and limits options to expand the building in the future if enrollment grows.

The Eugene School Board is considering whether to purchase a small piece of property next to the existing school property. Acquiring this property would allow a potential future building designed with a more functional, efficient and economical configuration than if the property were not acquired.

### ***What is the proposal?***

The proposal is for Eugene School District 4J to purchase the property at 148 West Hilliard Lane, directly to the west of River Road/El Camino del Río Elementary School. The property (56 feet by 100 feet) and has one house on it. In the image below it is marked with a black box.

A purchase agreement has been negotiated with the current property owner, subject to board approval. The property would be purchased using funds from the bond measure voters which included funds for property acquisition. If the school board approves the purchase, it will be completed by spring 2016.



### ***What is the school board's decision-making process?***

The Eugene School Board initiated its land use decision process last week, on August 12, and is now seeking public input on the proposed purchase. The board will consider the proposed purchase at its next meeting:

#### **Wed., Aug. 26, 2015**

**Board receives proposed findings of fact:** The findings include information about the district's need for the property, zoning and land use plans, neighborhood impact, and other considerations. No decision will be made at this meeting.

#### **Wed., Sept. 9, 2015**

**Public hearing:** Public comment on the proposal is invited.

**Board action:** School board decides whether to purchase the property and approve the final findings of fact.

Each board meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the 4J Education Center, 200 N. Monroe St. You are welcome to attend in person, listen to meetings live on the radio on KRVM-AM 1280, or find

recordings online (audio files are posted within two days after each meeting).

**Board meeting materials:**

[Overview](#) • [Proposed findings of fact](#) • [Appendices](#)

Board meeting agendas and materials are posted at [tinyurl.com/4jboardbook](http://tinyurl.com/4jboardbook) on the Friday afternoon before each meeting. Materials for the September 9 meeting will be posted September 4.

***How can community members provide public input?***

**Board meetings:** Public input can be provided in person at regular meetings of the school board. In addition to the public hearing on September 9, there is a public comment period beginning of each meeting.

**Written comments:** Comments to the Eugene School Board may be sent to [board@4j.lane.edu](mailto:board@4j.lane.edu) or mailed to the Superintendent's Office, 200 N. Monroe St., Eugene OR 97401.

**Questions:** If you have questions, please contact me at 541-790-7733 or by email at [delf\\_k@4j.lane.edu](mailto:delf_k@4j.lane.edu).

Sincerely,

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