

## NEWS RELEASE

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#### EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

## Community Meetings: New School Design & Construction

***Bond measure update: First two new schools have been designed and are under construction***

**WHAT:** Community Meetings: New School Design & Construction Meetings

**WHEN/** Monday, Nov. 2, 6–7 p.m.

**WHERE:** Howard Elementary School, 700 Howard Ave., Eugene

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 6–7 p.m.

Roosevelt Middle School, 680 E. 24<sup>th</sup> Ave., Eugene

**MORE INFO:** [www.4j.lane.edu/bond](http://www.4j.lane.edu/bond)

Four of the Eugene School District's oldest, most inefficient school buildings will be replaced or renovated over the next few years, thanks to voters' approval of the 2013 school bond measure. Design is complete and construction is well underway on the first two schools being built: Howard Elementary School, in north Eugene, and Roosevelt Middle School, in south Eugene.

Families, neighbors and community members are invited to get an update on these school replacement projects at a pair of community meetings next month. The Howard Elementary School event is on Monday, Nov. 2, and the Roosevelt Middle School event is on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Participants in each meeting will see the final design for that school, hear what to expect in the construction schedule, get an update on building progress so far, and have the opportunity to talk with the school principal and members of the design team.

In May 2013, voters in Eugene School District 4J resoundingly passed a \$170 million school bond measure to provide funding for 4J school improvements, including replacing four of the district's oldest school buildings with new buildings at the same sites. The bond measure also will pay for improvements at every 4J school, including new student technology, updated instructional materials, security upgrades, building repairs, and more.

The new Howard Elementary School and Roosevelt Middle School will open in fall 2016. The new River Road/El Camino del Río Elementary School and Arts & Technology Academy (the former Jefferson Middle School building) will open in fall 2017.

Sustainable building concepts that conserve energy and maximize the wise use of resources are incorporated into every new school building.

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