



February 2025 Newsletter Bond Project Updates

Dear Fern Ridge School District Community,

As we move further into the new year, we're excited to share the latest updates on the progress of the bond projects throughout our district. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our staff, community partners, and professional service partners, we continue making significant strides in improving our school facilities. These projects are designed to enhance learning environments, increase safety, and provide better resources for our students and staff across the district. This newsletter is a snapshot of where we stand with key projects throughout the district.

For more information and updates as we progress, please visit:

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Elmira High School Projects

Athletics Project

- **Recent Progress:** On January 7, a meeting was held with district representatives and the community sports group to review the project's status. Partnerships with Tarkett, BSN Sports, and Musco Lighting are in place.
- **Next Steps:** Robertson Sherwood Architects are working on construction documents, with construction set to begin on March 31, 2025. The dental clinic will relocate to Elmira Elementary during the Summer.
- **Cost Considerations:** The district is actively exploring cost-saving options while maintaining high-quality facilities.
- **Completion Timeline:** Construction will begin after Spring Break, with expected completion by the end of August 2025.

Science Room Renovations

- **Recent Progress:** Ongoing design meetings with staff and administration. Classroom furnishing options are being reviewed by staff.
- **Next Steps:** The construction project will go out for public bidding in March 2025.
- **Construction Timeline:** Work will begin in Summer 2025 and finish by the end of August 2025.

Restroom Upgrades

- **Status:** Construction is complete!



Fern Ridge Middle School Projects

Outdoor Improvements

- **Recent Progress:** The district continues working with KPFF to refine designs, ensuring the project stays within budget while enhancing outdoor play areas.
- **Next Steps:** The project will go out for contractor bidding in March 2025.
- **Scope:** Upgrades include the back play area, a front covered space, and minor bus parking adjustments.
- **Construction Timeline:** Work is planned for Summer 2025.

Science Room Upgrades

- **Next Steps:** Planning begins in Spring 2025.
- **Construction Timeline:** Work is scheduled for Summer 2026.



Veneta Elementary School Projects

Gym & Restroom Complex Improvements

- **Recent Progress:** Design finalization meetings have been completed.
- **Next Steps:** Rowell Brokaw Architects will finish the design in February 2025, allowing for public contractor bidding in March 2025.
- **Scope:** The project includes upgrades to the gymnasium & one restroom complex.

Parking Lot Restoration

- **Timeline:** The district is planning to complete this project in the Summer of 2026.



Elmira Elementary School Projects

- **Fence Security Upgrades:** The design is complete, and construction is planned for Spring Break 2025.
- **Drainage System Improvements:** Currently in design, with implementation set for Summer 2025.
- **Playground Enhancements (Bridges Program):** The district is reviewing play structure designs, with construction scheduled for Summer 2025.



District-Wide Mechanical Improvements

- **Current Work:** Design planning for Fern Ridge Middle School and Elmira High School mechanical system upgrades is progressing.
- **Next Steps:** Cost evaluations are due by February 14, 2025, followed by budget reconciliation and construction document finalization.
- **Timeline:** Minor upgrades will occur in Summer 2025, while major work is expected in Summer 2026 due to extended equipment lead times.



Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) Update

- **Recent Meeting:** The BOC convened on December 10, 2024, to review the budget, schedule, and project scopes, with particular focus on renovations and athletic facility improvements.
- **Next Steps:** The committee will meet again on March 6, 2025, to review progress, assess communications, and confirm the project schedule remains on track.

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Looking Ahead

As we progress through Winter and into Spring, we are excited to see these projects move from planning to action. With Spring and Summer construction on the horizon, we look forward to breaking ground on several key initiatives that will benefit our students and community for years to come.

We appreciate the ongoing support of our community and the commitment of everyone involved in these projects. Stay tuned for more updates as we continue making meaningful improvements across the district.

Professionally,

Gary Carpenter | Superintendent

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