

# BUILDING BLOCKS

## THE 2016 GRESHAM-BARLOW BOND QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

**Two Brand New Elementary Schools Provide New Learning Environments for Students**

**Massive Renovations Underway at Gresham, Barlow High Schools**

**Improvements Underway at Schools Across the District**



Thank you voters for supporting our students and our schools and approving the 2016 school bond!



In November 2016, Gresham-Barlow School District voters approved a \$291.17 million bond for capital construction improvements across the district. The bond funds safety improvements, better student access to modern technology, and improves learning environments through upgrades to every school across the district. This quarterly newsletter will highlight key projects and stories to provide the community updates on every project.

# A brand new school for East Gresham

## Welcome to the brand new campus for East Gresham Elementary School!

- This building replaces the old East Gresham campus, which was first built in 1950.
- The new building has 76,000 square feet and 30 new classrooms, each with a 70-inch interactive flat panel touch screen for a modern education.
- The new East Gresham includes a modern secure vestibule entrance to increase school safety, as well as internally locking doors in every classroom.
- The gymnasium includes a full-sized basketball court.
- The new cafeteria and library are designed to maximize natural light. The new music room is built on the stage, with a movable wall that allows performances with audiences seated in the gymnasium.
- New EGES campus will be able to hold 550 students.



The new East Gresham Elementary School opened to students this fall



EGES' new building includes secured entrances to protect the safety of our students



Students at work in new media center



New media center looks down on cafeteria



Full-sized gymnasium

# North Gresham opens to students this fall

## Welcome to the brand new campus for North Gresham Elementary School!

- This building replaces the old North Gresham campus, which was first built in 1960.
- The new building has 76,000 square feet and 30 new classrooms, each with a 70-inch interactive flat panel touch screen for a modern education.
- The new North Gresham includes a modern secure vestibule entrance to increase school safety, as well as internally locking doors in every classroom.
- The gymnasium includes a full-sized basketball court.
- The new cafeteria and library are designed to maximize natural light. The new music room is built on the stage, with a movable wall that allows performances with audiences seated in the gymnasium.
- Renee Alexander, the architect of the new NGES campus, is a North Gresham alum, and the building is designed for a capacity of up to 550 students.



New media center has large windows, maximizing natural light



New playground includes ADA-accessible structures, amenities for students on the autism spectrum, and musical features including drums and xylophones



New bus loop and parking lot at new campus improves traffic flow, student pick up and drop off



Modern vestibule entrance provides security for school students and staff



New classrooms include modern technology, learning boards



# Phase 1 complete; 53 new classrooms at Gresham High School

## Phase 1 Complete - Fall 2019

- Phase 1 construction of the renovations underway at Gresham High School are complete.
- There are 53 new classrooms in the Phase 1 construction, including 8 science classrooms, a new band room, choir room, and a black box theater.
- The historic muses that previously graced front of the campus have been preserved and installed in an interior courtyard, tying the school's history to its future.
- Phase 1 provides 111,000 square feet of new school space.



## Phase 2 Construction Underway - To Be Complete December 2020

- Construction throughout the GHS campus will continue through the next school year and complete in December 2020.
- A new auditorium, auto and scene shops will open to students early in 2020.
- A new parking lot, bus turning circle, trash and recycling areas will be completed by December 2020.
- Phase 2 includes a new gymnasium, women's locker room, a media center, teachers' lounge, weight room, administrative support for the central office.
- The sages and sentinels removed from the original GHS facade will flank the entrance to the new courtyard on Main Street.
- Construction is on schedule and tracking to budget for completion at the end of 2020.



Students can access modern technology in these updated learning environments



The new "learning tower" includes eight science classrooms



# New classrooms, auditorium complete at Sam Barlow High School

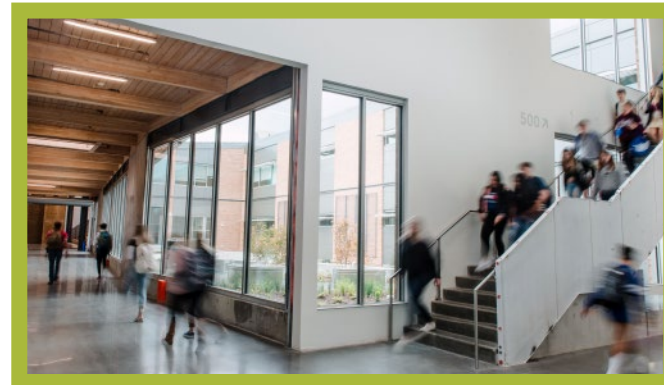
## Phase 1 Complete - Fall 2019

- Phase 1 of the extensive renovations underway at Barlow High School.
- 20 brand new classrooms - 12 General Purpose, 6 General Science and 2 Chemistry classrooms - and substantial renovations to 20 already existing classrooms.
- Construction crews finished renovations to the CTE building last fall; major renovations to the Woods and Metals classrooms.
- Phase 1 includes a new auditorium, new art classrooms and special ed classrooms, and a renovated courtyard.
- Construction crews have also finished a new covered stadium that can seat 1500 people with new turf, new stadium lights, and a new concessions building.



## Phase 2 Construction Underway - To Be Complete Fall 2020

- Crews to begin building new band room, choir room, black box theater.
- Renovations to many other existing classrooms.
- All construction at Barlow is on schedule to be complete by the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year.



State of the art auditorium will be available for student performances this fall



New secured entrance to new wing of classrooms facing North parking lot expansion



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# Middle School Renovations to begin Spring of 2020

## Numerous other bond projects underway across the District

In addition to the brand new elementary schools and the major renovations underway at Gresham and Barlow High Schools, there are numerous other projects both big and small underway at schools across the district. Here's a quick run down of the next round of improvements coming to Gresham-Barlow Schools, funded by the 2016 Gresham-Barlow School Bond.

## Renovations underway at multiple Gresham-Barlow middle schools

Planning is already underway to modernize classrooms and make other facility-wide improvements at Gordon Russell, Dexter McCarty and Clear Creek Middle Schools.

All three schools will receive new roofing and utilities, new carpets in offices and media centers as well as polished concrete floors, and security-minded vestibule entrances. Classroom spaces will be retrofitted for enhanced learning and equipped with new technology. Dexter McCarty and Gordon Russell are undergoing extensive upgrades to their existing HVAC systems. Construction

and completion of these school upgrades is currently planned for the 2020 calendar year.

## New classrooms, floors, ceilings and a kitchen expansion

- Deep Creek-Damascus K-8 opened to students with four brand new classrooms this fall. Construction crews are completing some ADA-accessibility improvements around the building, but the building's expansion is otherwise complete.
- Hall Elementary and Hollydale Elementary are also each gaining six new classrooms. The exteriors of these school expansions are largely complete, and crews are currently finishing the interiors of the buildings. These improvements are slated to be completed by winter break. Hall Elementary's new bus loop is scheduled to be completed this October.
- East Orient Elementary, Highland Elementary, and West Orient Middle School are all receiving



**The Barlow Bruins Football Team broke in their new stadium with a 34-8 victory over the Bend Lava Bears this September in their home opener. The new stadium was funded by the 2016 Gresham-Barlow School Bond.**

roofing and flooring upgrades, as well as new secured entrances and upgraded classroom technology.

- Hogan Cedars Elementary will receive an expansion of their kitchen, a new trash enclosure, and a new security vestibule.