

Redmond School District hosts community forums on bond measure options

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REDMOND, Ore. - Redmond School District is hosting two forums focusing on strengthening community connections and discussing the Facilities Task Force suggested options for a potential May 2008 bond measure.

Forums will be held Friday, February 1, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Elton Gregory Middle School and Saturday, February 9, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Redmond High School. Informational booths regarding district/school initiatives and programs will be available between 8:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. During the meetings, community and staff members will be asked to listen and provide input as the Task Force explains their recommended options:

Option 1 (\$110 million bond):

• 1400-seat high school located at the Elkhorn/Canal site (\$80 million - ten-year capacity solution)

• Replace Evergreen elementary school with a new 600-seat elementary (\$20 million). Evergreen to be used for other community purposes.

• Deferred maintenance (\$10 million)

Option 2 (\$75 million bond):

• 800-seat high school located at the Elkhorn/Canal site (\$45 million – five-year capacity solution)

• Replace Evergreen elementary school with a new 600-seat elementary (\$20 million). Evergreen to be used for other community purposes.

• Deferred maintenance (\$10 million)

In addition to the above options, the committee explored expanding the existing Redmond High School and did not find it to be a viable solution. Expanding the high school only provided a five-year capacity solution with a cost similar to building a new high school.

About the Facilities Task Force

At the request of the Redmond School District's Board of Directors, a citizen's task force comprised of 35 community members began meeting in early November 2007. The task force has met weekly on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:30 PM and is charged with bringing a recommendation to the School Board regarding a potential May 2008 bond measure.

Friday, February 1, 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m.: Community is invited to an all-day session (9:00 AM to 3:30 PM) hosted by Elton Gregory Middle School to hear the task force's preliminary report and to provide feedback. Public is invited to attend and participate.

Saturday, February 9, 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m.: Community is invited to an all-day session (9:00 AM to 3:30 PM) hosted by Redmond High School to hear the task force's preliminary report and to provide feedback. Public is invited to attend and participate.

Â· Wednesday, February 13, 5:30 p.m.: The task force anticipates giving a final report to the Board at their regular meeting, held at the District Office, 145 SE Salmon Avenue. Public is invited to attend.

Â· Wednesday, February 27, 5:30 p.m.: School Board will take action on the recommendation for a May 2008 bond measure at their regular meeting, held at the District Office, 145 SE Salmon Avenue. Public is invited to attend.

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