



The Situation

Lowell School District has completed its 10-Year Master Planning process. We invite Lowell families and community members to learn more about the facility assessment findings, resulting recommendations and prioritization of work.



1930

Lowell High School Built

Lowell High School was built in 1930, during the Great Depression and before World War II. Thanks to past investments by the community, the facility remains serviceable for students, but is in need of some TLC as well as safety, security and space updates to bring it in line with the needs of today's students.



1941

Lundy Elementary School Built

Lowell's Lundy Elementary was built in 1941 — 75 years ago. Investments made now will help it continue to serve students.

2014

- Decision to Conduct 10-Year Master Planning for School Facilities
- Architect Selected

2015

- Facilities Review by Architects and Engineers
- Staff and Public Input Requested/Received
- Priorities Established

2016

- **April:** gLAs Architects Completes 10-Year Plan, Makes Recommendations to District
- **April:** Board Reviews and Considers Recommendations
- **April-June:** Community Input Requested
- **June/July:** Grant Status Known
- **August:** Board Decides to Proceed/Not
- **August:** If Proceeding, Refers Request for Bond Measure

Prioritizing Improvements

The efforts the district considers most important are, in order:

- 1 Improve student safety and security
- 2 Conduct renewal efforts that will prolong the lifespan of existing facilities
- 3 Update facilities to improve the educational experience of students
- 4 Repurpose or reorganize space for improved efficiency
- 5 Create multi-use gathering places for school and community use

Costs and Next Steps

The district is determining how best to proceed with the recommendations. The most critical work is estimated to cost \$8 million. The possibility of \$4 million in grants from the state of Oregon is prompting us to move quickly. It is possible that the district will request approval of a bond measure to pay for the improvements. The cost of \$4 million in capital improvements would be \$1.14 per \$1,000 assessed value of a home.

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