

# Building for Learning

## District Fact Sheet

### The Auburn School District Board of Directors has set a Bond proposition for the November 8 ballot.

This bond will:

- ◆ Build two new elementary schools to help reduce the overcrowding at all elementary schools.
- ◆ Replace Chinook, Dick Scobee, Lea Hill, Pioneer, Terminal Park Elementary Schools and Olympic Middle School.

The bond will provide needed **classroom space**.

Enrollment increased by **1,074** students in the last five years.

**1,670** additional students are projected in the next five years.

The district has **102** portables housing approximately **2,500** students.

Space is needed to support full-day kindergarten and smaller state-supported class sizes.

Each elementary school will have capacity for 650 students.

### The bond will **modernize learning environments**.

The buildings have exceeded their useful life, despite regular maintenance.

The average age of the buildings is 58.8 years.

Schools will have infrastructure to support modern technology.

Energy efficient heating, cooling and lighting will be standard.

### The bond will **increase safety**.

Schools will be built with earthquake readiness improvements.

Schools will feature high-quality design and construction.

Traffic flow and pedestrian safety will be improved.

### Facts

- ◆ A citizen's committee with more than 60 members met for 12 weeks during the spring of 2015 and recommended the district build two new elementary schools and replace the six oldest schools in the district.
- ◆ The citizens committee determined when the cost to modernize is 70% of the cost to replace, the building should be replaced.
- ◆ The overall school tax rate has dropped each of the last three years, from \$6.62 to \$5.83. The projected tax rate will be \$6.86.
- ◆ Project is eligible for \$79 million in state matching funds.
- ◆ The total cost of eight new schools is \$456,056,000.
- ◆ The Auburn School District has a history of building high-quality schools that last for generations. In the last 10 years, we built Lakeland Hills Elementary, Arthur Jacobsen Elementary and did a complete modernization and reconstruction of Auburn High School. All projects were on-time and under budget.

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