

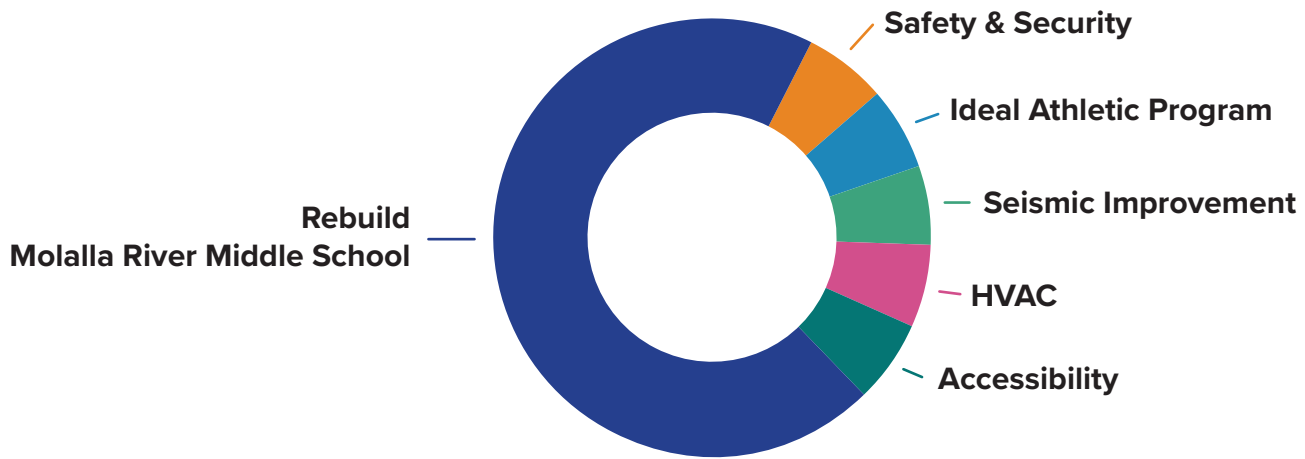
THE MOLALLA RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

DID YOU KNOW? The average age of a school in Molalla River School District is 66 years?

Although well maintained, our aging schools face challenges. Over the years, the number of students in our classrooms has increased, safety and security concerns have changed, and HVAC systems are aging and do not function as designed.

Our board and district leadership have developed a comprehensive Capital Improvement Program in an effort to preserve our community’s investment in our school facilities.

The Capital Improvement Program is comprised of the following key components:



Rebuild Molalla River Middle School: Bond

In 2023, the district formed a volunteer Community Bond Advisory Committee (CBAC) with community members, parents, and staff members tasked with assessing the District’s facilities needs to consider options for a potential capital construction bond.

The CBAC has recommended a \$96.8 million (less a \$6 million grant*) = \$90.8 million bond to rebuild Molalla River Middle School on the May 2024 ballot:

- Rebuild Molalla River Middle School on the same site (north side of the property)
- 115,000 square foot facility with capacity to serve 700 students
- Old school site with asbestos and other hazardous materials will be demolished
 - The district will be hosting a series of opportunities for the community to provide feedback on this draft recommendation this fall.

*The District will apply for a \$6 million matching grant from the state but will only receive this grant if the measure passes.

Accessibility Improvements: School Board & District Developing Funding Source

Several schools in our district do not have ADA features such as accessible front entries or restrooms.

- The Community Bond Advisory Committee has identified this as a key priority for the District and leadership are exploring funding strategies to ensure the completion of these critical upgrades.



Safety & Security: District Funds

Many of MRSD schools were built without modern day safety and security measures. Many of our buildings have several entry points and have aging systems or technology to control building access.

As a result of a thorough safety and security review, our plan is to conduct the following projects in our district:

- Improve entrance and perimeter safety with updated fencing
- Restrict building access with secure vestibule at every school and updated locks and key card control access
- Upgrade intercom/communication systems
- New security cameras
- Improved school and district Emergency Operations Plan



Ideal Athletic Program: Grants, Community Donations, and District Funds

In 2019, the District convened the Ideal Athletic Program in partnership with students, parents, staff, coaches, and community partners. This volunteer committee has been collaborating to improve District athletic facilities and align coaching strategies to better support MRSD and community youth programs.

The IAP has already accomplished many projects such as:

- New scoreboards
- Repaired broken crow's nest
- Complete renovation of tennis courts (funded by the sale of surplus District property)

In addition, the IAP is now focused on renovating the Heckard Field turf and track. Several efforts are underway to collaborate with the city, county, and local organizations to fundraise and establish a vision for improved outdoor fitness and athletic facilities in our community.

- The District has applied for a matching grant opportunity to help fund the resurfacing of the turf and track.



Seismic Improvement: Grants

Our aging schools face challenges in regards to seismic and structural stability. The District is working with a structural engineer to study our schools and create a plan for seismic retrofit district wide.

- The District received funding from the Business Oregon Seismic Rehabilitation Grant Program (SRGP) to complete work at Clarkes Elementary in 2020.
- The District will apply for another grant in 2023 to continue seismic improvements.
- The district is prioritizing Molalla River High School, Mulino Elementary School, and the rest of Clarkes Elementary School for future seismic rehabilitation.



HVAC Improvements: School Board & District Developing Funding Source

MRSD schools have aging HVAC systems in need of repair or replacement to improve cooling and air quality with the growing concerns of wildfire smoke in our state.

- The Community Bond Advisory Committee has identified that all schools should have efficient heating, cooling, and ventilation systems.
- Some may schools may receive updated components while others may receive new systems.