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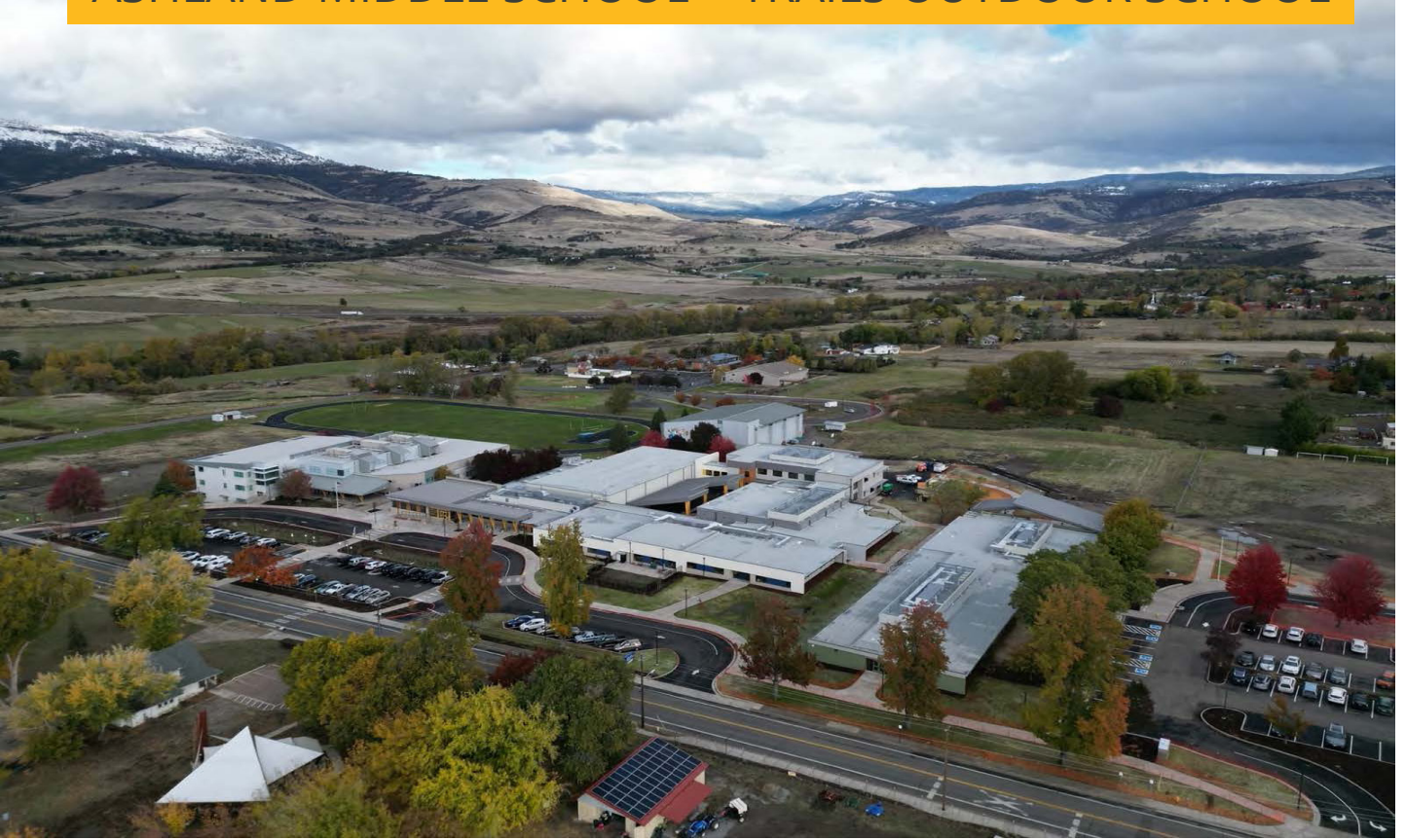
GENERAL PROGRAM UPDATE

April was a monumental month for the Walker Elementary project, as the contractor achieved substantial completion marking the turn over of the building to the District. The Ashland High School Modernization project made significant strides in developing a revised plan for phasing the project with the goal of minimizing disruption to the school while also accomplishing the scope of work to satisfy the Bond promise. Helman Elementary, TRAILS and Ashland Middle School all performed HVAC and electrical systems functional performance testing, a part of the commissioning process, ensuring that they are operating properly. The Solar Campus project went out to bid, which is another exciting step towards accomplishing the Bond goals.



NEW CLASSROOM FURNITURE INSTALLATION AT
WALKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ASHLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL + TRAILS OUTDOOR SCHOOL



CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Ashland Middle School and TRAILS Outdoor School are complete, and staff and students are fully occupying the new spaces.

Throughout each campus, upgrades in HVAC systems, plumbing, and electrical are prevalent, introducing energy efficiency air quality improvements and climate resilience resulting in more accommodating environments for maximum learning opportunities. Each school has received upgraded windows, new roof systems, new restrooms and redesigned administrative/office spaces. The project also resulted in improvements to overall campus security, technology infrastructure, seismic upgrades and accessibility. Both schools have been retrofitted with fire alarm and fire suppression systems as well. Each school campus has its own vehicle entry and exit with clear-cut pick up and drop off areas to assist with reduced congestion during high traffic periods.

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR NEXT PERIOD

- Continued commissioning



Ashland Middle School comprises about 40,000 sq. ft. of the project including a new library and addition of a newly constructed two-story 6th grade building with an elevator.

The campus includes a leadership room with full kitchen designed to host campus events. The SPED area includes multiple classrooms and offices with an additional calming space, private restrooms, and secure outdoor learning area. The covered courtyard is central to the campus with a multifunctional design including reclaimed wood beam stadium style benches for outdoor educational purposes and skateboard accommodating features allowing students a safe and fresh outdoor space for various activities. The kitchen and cafeteria have also been upgraded with new appliances and renewed finishes.

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TRAILS Outdoor School has an entirely separate, newly renovated building stretching across 26,000 sq. ft. of useable space.

The campus now includes 5 classrooms, a library, art lab, testing room, SPED room, music facility and multi-purpose room. There is also a grand outdoor structure attached to the building, allowing activities in adverse weather, including an integrated rock-climbing wall. The multi-purpose room, also known as the community room, is the highlight of the building. This area not only provides a place for staff and students to congregate for events but is equipped with large windows and roll up doors that can be opened to connect to the outdoors. Designing this aspect of the multi-purpose room was fully intentional and a defining characteristic of the school culture. The adjacent ready room has a full kitchen, which accommodates preparation for outdoor activities as well as daily meal requirements.

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HELMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



CURRENT ACTIVITIES

With the completion of this project, Helman Elementary School staff, students and community members are now able to fully utilize the renovated campus. The renovations included a brand new approximately 23,000 square foot classroom building to replace two of the existing quad buildings.

The construction of this building has a net reduction in the school's energy use that truly models the Ashland School District's adoption of the City of Ashland's Climate and Energy Action Plan (CEAP). The new classroom building also includes a SPED instructional space with exterior play area, sensory room with state-of-the-art furnishings, a large multipurpose room with an operable exterior wall and multiple breakout spaces scattered throughout the building.

The front administration area underwent a full renovation that included an access-controlled entry. New reception area, conference room and staff work room concluded the new spaces included in the administration area.

Campus wide, a new 4-Pipe hydronic HVAC system that includes new high efficiency boilers, new air handlers and a new chiller was installed. A new building controls system, allowing the district to operate the new systems as efficiently as possible and minimize any maintenance or troubleshooting delays, was also included. The campus also received a new fire alarm system bringing everything up to current building codes.

On the exterior of the site, a new entry drive was installed that will aid with traffic congestion during high traffic periods. Additional parking was installed at the south end of the campus. There is a brand new 1/8th mile walking track and new playground that is accessible to all. New landscaping wraps up the remainder of the campus.

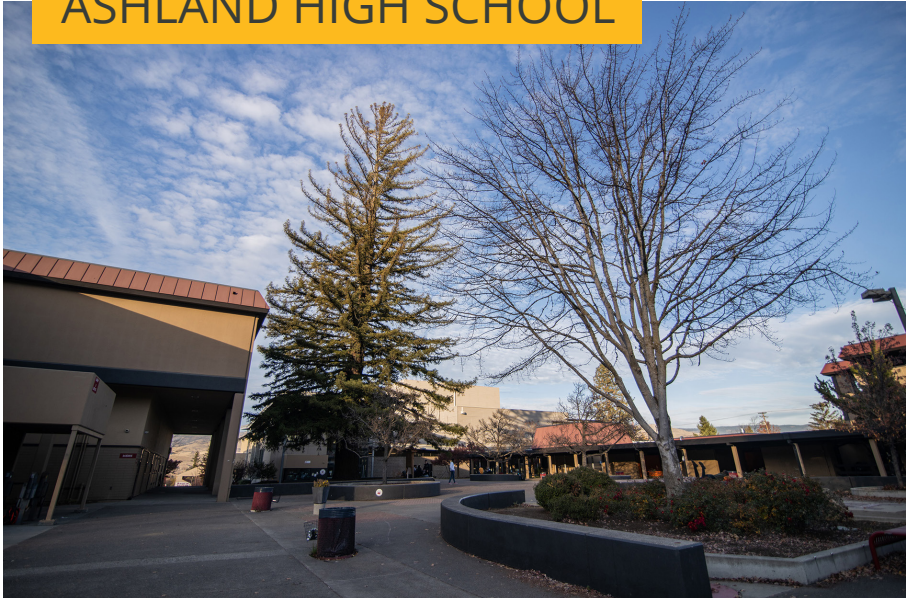


ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR NEXT PERIOD

- Continued Commissioning.

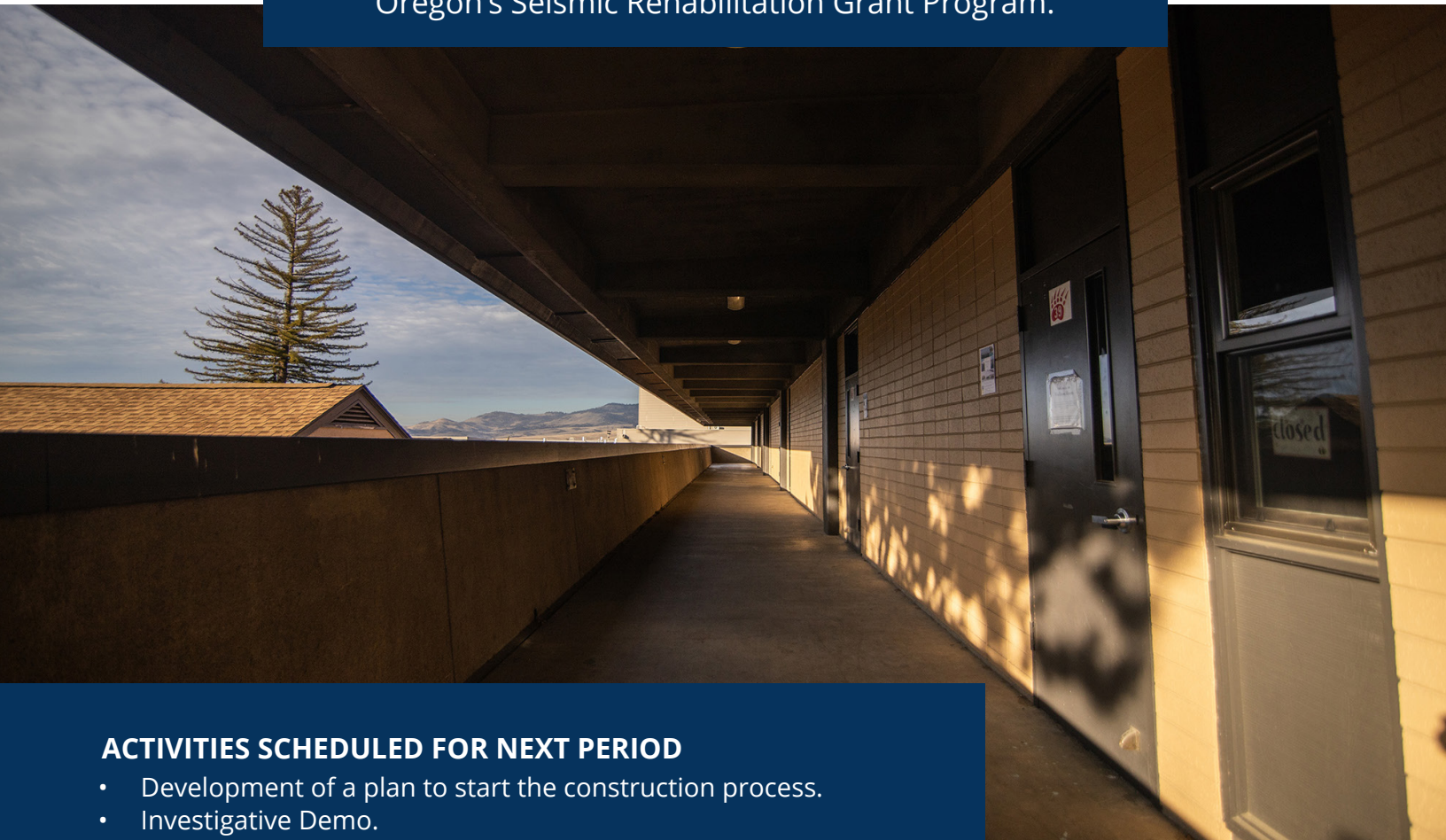




ASHLAND HIGH SCHOOL**CURRENT ACTIVITIES**

April marked the project team's potential plan to phase the project while minimizing interruption to the school's operations. KNCC + Outlier is expected to have a site presence in the next few weeks with potential for some investigative demo work to occur, which will better streamline construction down the road. Currently an updated estimate of work is being compiled, which will give more visibility on the budget and current market conditions and availability.

An additional positive note is that the High School was awarded another Seismic grant from the State of Oregon's Seismic Rehabilitation Grant Program.

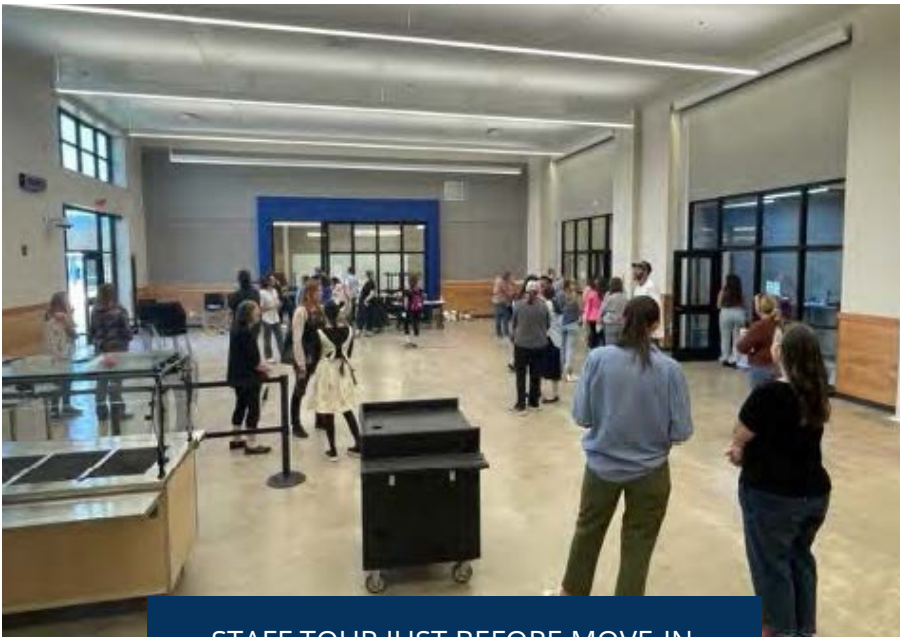
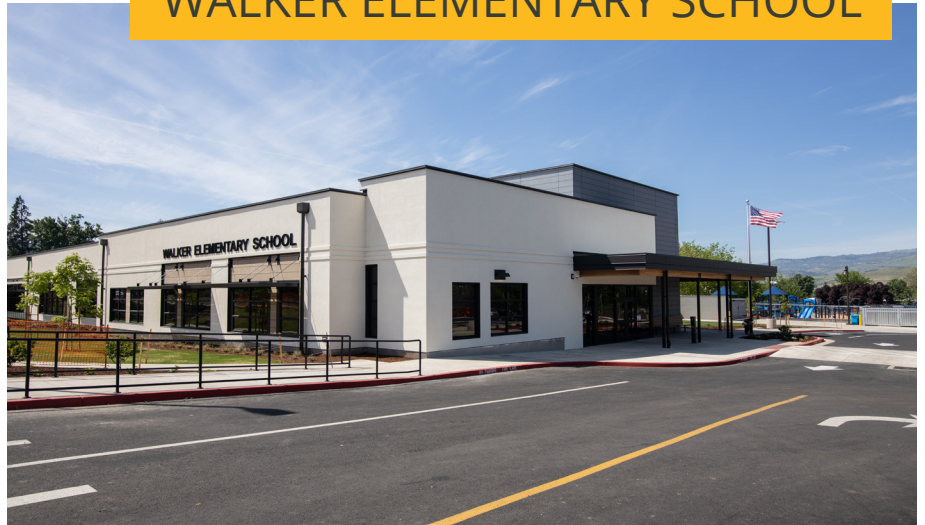
**ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR NEXT PERIOD**

- Development of a plan to start the construction process.
- Investigative Demo.
- KNCC + Outlier mobilization onsite.

WALKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**CURRENT ACTIVITIES**

Construction is substantially complete, and a temporary Certificate of Occupancy has been received, allowing Ashland School District to occupy the building. Final aspects of the punch list work are underway and new furniture has been installed. Staff belongings have been moved on site from Walker Village and teachers are actively unpacking into their new spaces.

Landscaping is near completion, and the campus looks beautiful. There are a few components of the playground that have yet to be received which has delayed finalizing the installation, but it is expected to be complete in the coming weeks. Walker Elementary Staff are beginning to thrive in their new spaces and are eager to welcome students on May 8th for their first day of school in the new building.

**STAFF TOUR JUST BEFORE MOVE-IN****ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR NEXT PERIOD**

- Occupancy
- Commissioning
- Training



THE NEW COURTYARD (PRIOR TO
HYDROSEEDING ON 1ST OF MAY)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Substantial Completion
- Move-In

CHALLENGES

- Cold and/or wet weather
- Labor shortage
- Material lead times

The following list of local vendors who are currently working on the projects.

ASHLAND AREA VENDORS AND CONTRACTORS (DEFINED AS ROGUE VALLEY)

- Arkitek:design&architecture
- Adroit Construction Co.
- Ciota Engineering
- DOBRIN
- Covey Pardee Landscape Architecture
- Infinity Electric
- Douglas Engineering Pacific
- Van Row Mechanical
- HMK Company
- Cascade Communications
- KenCairn Landscape Architecture
- Quality Fence
- Bean Electric
- Pacific 3D Reality Capture
- Renfro
- Pariani Land Surveying
- Britannia
- Powell Engineering
- Patriot Landscaping
- ZCS Engineering & Architecture
- Sandeen Masonry
- Beflor
- Alco
- Top Notch
- Quality Fence
- S&S Sheetmetal
- Metal Masters
- Urban Racks
- Moore Construction
- Curtis Huntley
- Devry
- Cut N' Break
- Precision Electric
- Advanced Air
- Welburn Electric
- Hall of Fame Moving
- New Horizons Woodworks
- Milestone Landscape
- Viking Concrete Cutting

