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Hillsboro School District Thanks Community for Bond Support

Passage of Measure 34-355 enables the district to invest $430 million in bond funds over the next five years

November 4, 2026, Hillsboro, OR - With more than 39,000 ballots counted, Hillsboro School District's $430 million bond, Measure 34-355, appears headed for passage.

The district sincerely thanks everyone who worked so hard to develop and promote this bond, which contains projects for every school and district building across six broad project areas: buildings and systems, safety and security, Career and College Pathways, extracurriculars, technology and cybersecurity, and support services.

"Putting this bond together was no small task, and in fact was the culmination of almost two years of planning, assessing schools' needs, drafting a package of projects along with help from a variety of constituents and consultants, gathering input from the community, and raising awareness," explains Superintendent Travis Reiman. "It required countless hours of staff and volunteer time, and I am so grateful to all involved."

Board Chair Katie Rhyne continues: "This is an historic investment in the Hillsboro School District community and I am so excited about what it means for students now and into the future. We couldn't have gotten there without the incredibly hard work of our staff, students, families, Board, community partners, and voters!"

Over the next five years, HSD will now be able to address aging infrastructure like roofs and HVAC systems, modernize educational settings that engage and prepare students, improve and expand extracurricular spaces like lighted turf fields for year-round student and community use, and enhance safety and security districtwide, among many other priorities.

This work will be overseen by the district's newly-announced Capital Projects and Planning Officer, Beth Graser.

Graser grew up in Hillsboro and is currently in her eighteenth year as the district's Chief Communications Officer. Graser came to the role with nearly fifteen years of private sector experience - at Procter & Gamble and local manufacturing company Epson Portland Inc. Earlier this spring, Graser was named Oregon's School Communicator of the Year by her peers from around the state.

At HSD, Graser has helped develop and manage three Strategic Plans, been a key member of the district's long-range planning committee, and secured and administered state-level grants to expand health care access for students. She has collaborated with district leaders and community partners to navigate through a multitude of challenging and uncharted situations. She is detail-oriented, highly organized, and skilled with financial analysis and budget management and messaging.

"Beth's ability to move seamlessly from big picture to fine-grain detail, discern what's most important, and understand interdependencies between the physical infrastructure and school operations positions her perfectly to manage this bond," states Reiman.

Graser will be assisted by an internal team as well as by external consulting firm Cornerstone Management Group (Cornerstone, or CMG).

Cornerstone has managed the district's last three bonds and earned the 2026 job after emerging as the top firm through a competitive process.

Over the next several weeks, the district will announce the process for constituents interested in applying to participate on its Bond Oversight Committee. This group of 12-15 individuals will receive regular updates on the progress of the bond work - projects planned, underway, and completed; detailed financials; audit results; and more.

Information will also be maintained on the district's bond website, Hillsboro-Bond.org, and shared in regular district publications: the weekly *Hot News* and bi-annual *A Look Inside Hillsboro Schools* newsletter.

HSD will post the replacement position for Graser in mid-December, with a plan to complete selection and have her assist with onboarding the new person in the winter and early spring.

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