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Dear McKay Families and Community,

Our new school year is off to a great start and I couldn't be prouder of all the work our students and staff have put forward to set such a positive tone for the school year.

Following the positive theme, I would like to share a short update on plans for bond-funded construction at McKay. Big things are on the horizon for McKay!

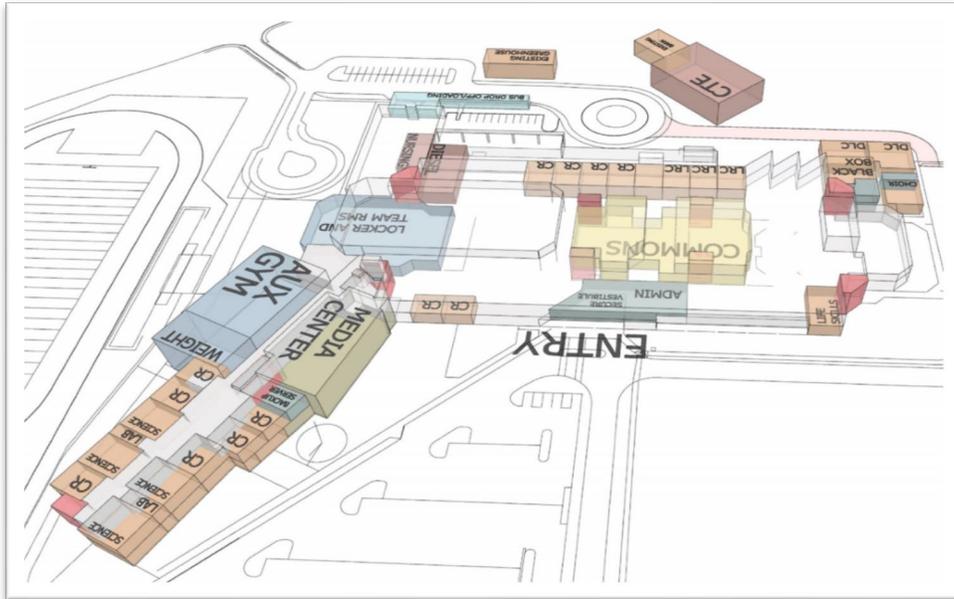
Thanks to voters in Salem and Keizer, McKay High School will soon be receiving major improvements. In May 2018, voters approved a \$619.7 million bond to fund construction work all across the school district. Many schools will have renovations and expansions to relieve overcrowding, increase safety and security, expand access to technology and more.

Plans for McKay include 11 new science labs, four new general education classrooms, two expanded career and technical (vocational) education spaces, a black box theater, music storage space, a state-of-the art library-media center and much more. Over \$54 million will be invested in improvements at McKay.

At the end of last school year, a team of representatives from the school held several meetings with BRIC Architecture and district Construction Services staff to plan the location of the new spaces and discuss other design decisions. McKay staff contributed important perspective on the needs of students and the school. I'm extremely proud of their hard work and the dedication to the future of McKay they all brought to the design process.



Over the summer, architects have been working to refine the schematic designs into very detailed drawings and instructions that the building contractor, Bremik Construction, will use to build the new spaces.



Construction is planned to start in June 2020 and is estimated to take about 18 months to complete. **This means McKay will be under construction for much of next school year (2020-2021). It also means the campus will be closed for the summers of 2020 and 2021.**

Construction will cause some disruption to our normal routines and it's good to be mentally prepared for that in advance. But, we will work with contractors to minimize impacts to the school day. The district has already successfully completed one renovation (Gubser Elementary School) and has four more in progress during the current school year. As a district, we're becoming adept at operating productive, safe learning environments while under construction.

Thanks to the community's support of the 2018 bond, McKay will soon provide a safer, less crowded and more productive learning environment for our students!

For more information about plans for McKay High School, please visit <https://salkeiz.k12.or.us/mckay-bond>

Sincerely,

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