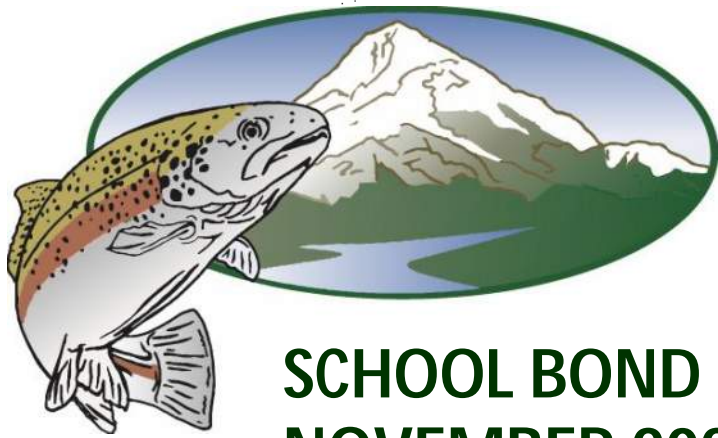


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Q. How does the \$4M OSCIM grant work?

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Q. What is the bond amount being voted on and how much will it raise my property tax?

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Q. How did this process start?

A. The School District was awarded a grant to have reports done to analyze the condition of the schools and research the long range student needs of the district. The reports indicated that the schools need a lot of repair along with numerous upgrades.

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A. A 'Facilities Committee' was formed in 2019 to prioritize what needed to be done to improve our schools. The report findings combined with input from the public and school district staff were prioritized to determine the most prudent use of the bond money.

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A. Design would begin immediately. Work may begin as early as summer 2021.

TOP TEN REASONS FOR BOND PASSAGE

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BOND SCOPE OF WORK

School Building Improvements

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Overall Facility improvements will include:

- Existing building Repairs
- Restroom renovations
- Secure building entrances
- School Safety door controls

9-12 GRADE CONSOLIDATION

Re-organization of 9th through 12th grades into the main school building provides all students with more elective classes and creates student body community by traditional student grade level inclusion.

Facility Function will be improved by efficient classroom re-organization, core classroom consolidation, and re-purposing of existing underutilized spaces.

9-12 FACILITY WORK

- New Elevator for building accessibility
- Boiler replacement
- Classroom Remodels
- Cafeteria Remodel & Re-purpose
- New performance Stage Platform
- New student courtyard
- New Concessions & Gym Lobby
- Expanded parking lot
- Science Room Remodel
- VOC Shop remodel & Reconfiguration

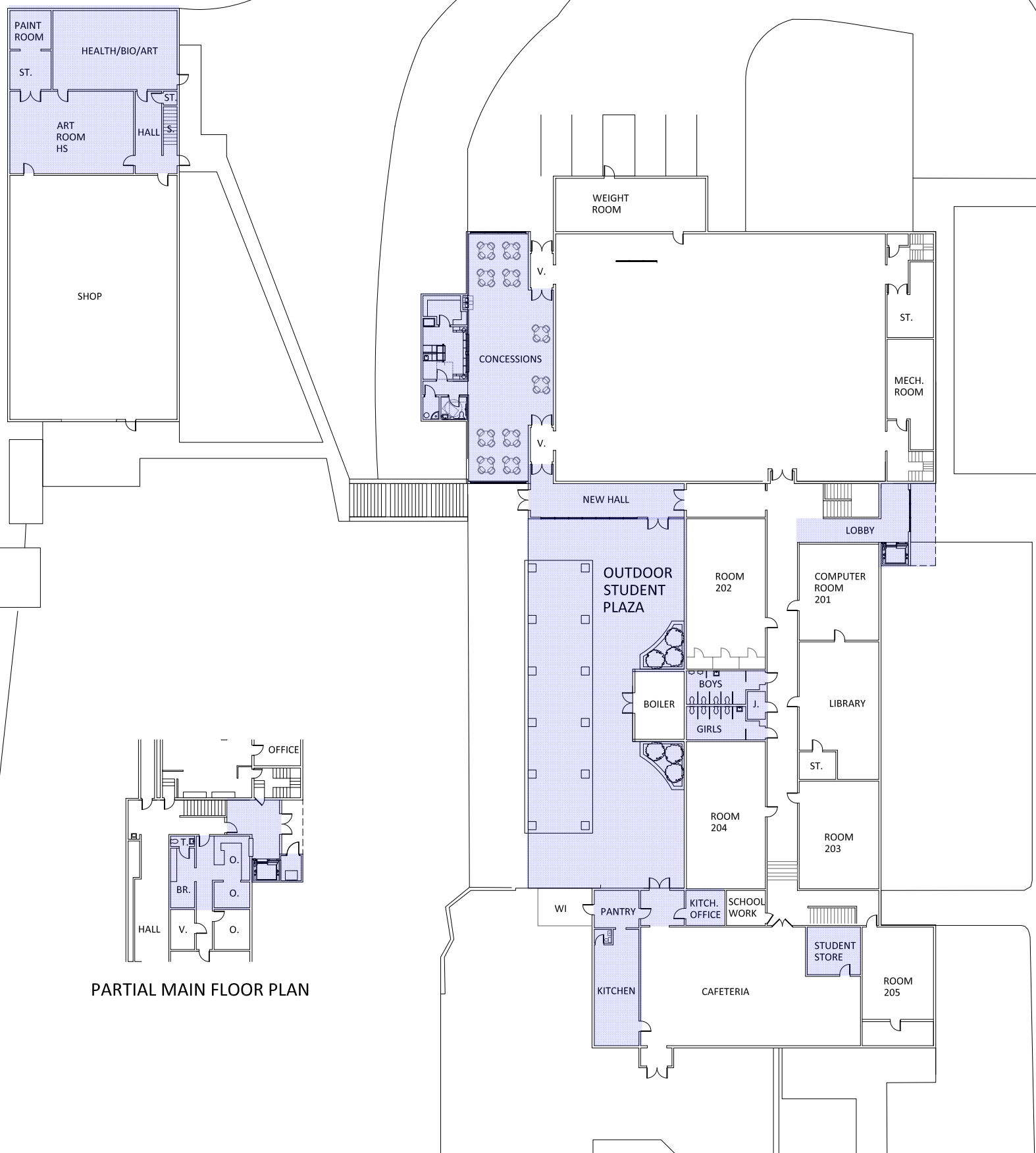
BUILDING ADDITION & REMODEL CONSIDERATIONS

• The new Concessions and Gymnasium lobby will provide much needed space during events and will be used for group meeting space during and after school.

• The new Student Plaza and connecting hallway will provide outdoor student space and allow direct restroom access during games.

• The new Entry Lobby will provide a secure double entry and elevator for ADA accessibility.

• The existing kitchen space will be remodeled to be used for the Life Skills class, to serve lunch, and community events



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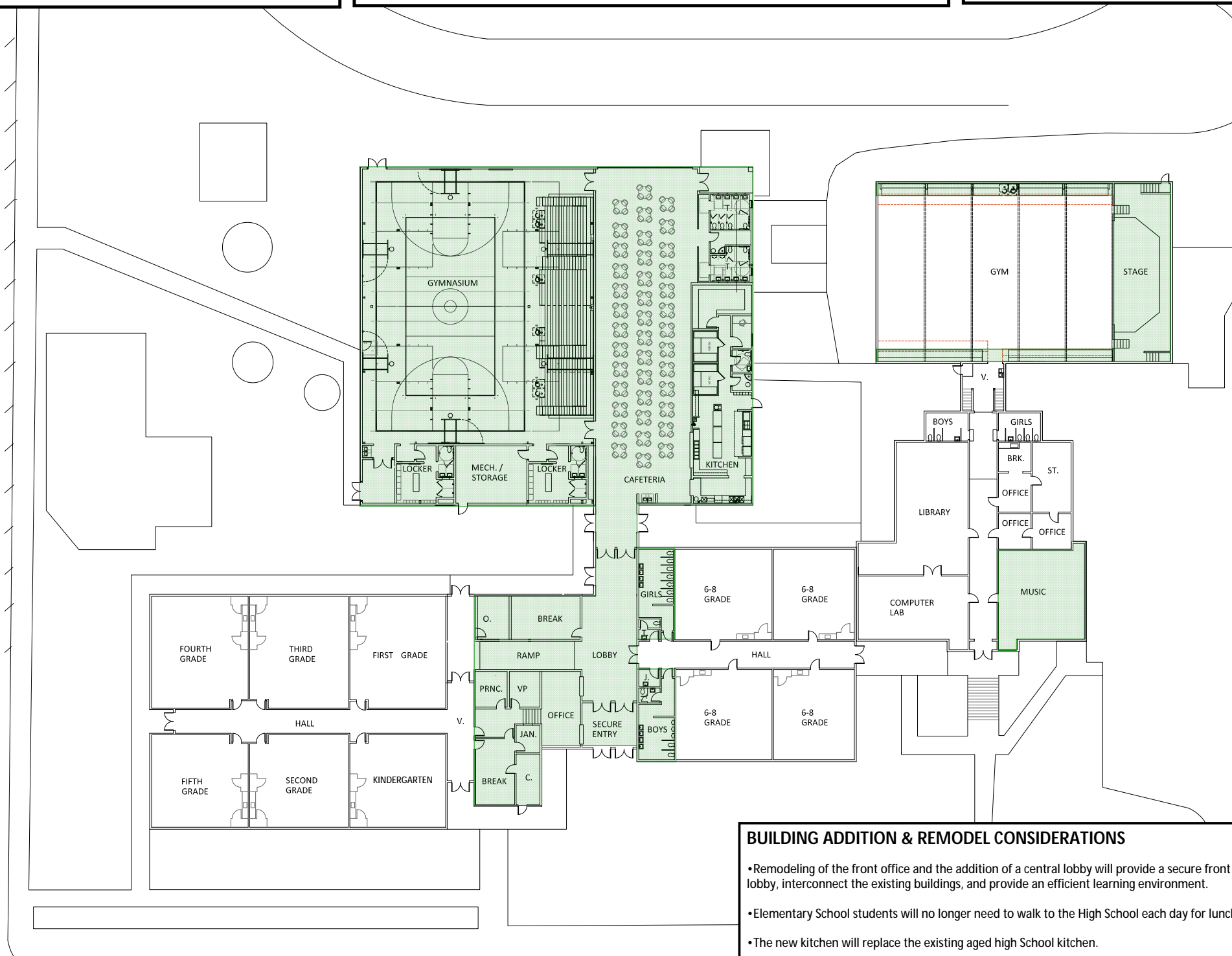
There are many student and facility advantages by consolidating the 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders to the elementary school.

The students benefit from age-appropriate activities and avoid being exposed to the social and academic pressures of high school students and gain a sense of grade level self-identification. As a result it allows them to stay 'younger' a bit longer. Rather than being caught in 'the middle'. Elementary students benefit from older student leaders and role models, and statistically grouping these ages result in higher overall GPA and test scores.

Functionally, foot traffic between the two schools will be lessened for the younger students, more classroom space at the high school will be achieved, under-utilized existing spaces can be optimized, and the new kitchen will be more functional for younger students.

K-8 FACILITY WORK

- Classroom remodels
- Heating & Cooling Upgrades
- New Multi-purpose Space
- New Kitchen
- New Locker Changing Rooms
- Music and Band Room Renovation
- Stage Improvements
- Old Gymnasium bleacher replacement



BUILDING ADDITION & REMODEL CONSIDERATIONS

- Remodeling of the front office and the addition of a central lobby will provide a secure front entry lobby, interconnect the existing buildings, and provide an efficient learning environment.
- Elementary School students will no longer need to walk to the High School each day for lunch.
- The new kitchen will replace the existing aged high School kitchen.
- The new multipurpose cafeteria will provide eating space, will serve as lobby space during sporting events, and can be used for community events.
- The new gymnasium provides practice courts and regulation courts. Additional courts will allow after school practices to run concurrently resulting in after school practice ending earlier. Additionally, the school will be able to host multi- district sports tournaments.