



**Morrow County School District
2025 Bond Projects
November Board Report
11/10/2025**

1. Design:
 - a. SAJ Architecture:
 - i. Proceeding with Contract Negotiations
 1. Received fee proposal for programming/educational specifications for all 3 schools concurrently – Irrigon Jr/Sr, Riverside Jr/Sr, and Heppner K-12;
 - a. Once programming/educational specifications are complete, then will shift and focus specifically on design for Irrigon Jr/Sr HS
 2. Received fee proposal for safety and security upgrades at Windy River ES and Irrigon ES
 - ii. Design Advisory Committee (DAC) Meetings
 1. DAC focused on programming and educational specifications needs
 2. Meeting #1 will be Tuesday, 11/18, with meetings following on 12/16, 01/20 and 02/24
 3. DAC will consist of representatives from all 3 projects – Irrigon, Boardman and Heppner – and include district staff, community members, and students
 4. Intention is that this first phase will occur 11/2025 – 03/2026; once completed, the Design Team will then move into Schematic Design (SD) for Irrigon Jr/Sr High School
 - iii. Safety and Security Upgrades:
 1. Focused on WRES and IES with the intention being to design the Safety and Security upgrades by Q1, 2026, and complete construction in August, 2026.
 - a. WRES and IES are the most straightforward
 2. Will address the other locations' Safety and Security Upgrades in subsequent summers.
 - b. Geotechnical Assessment
 - i. Issued the Request for Proposal (RFP) on 10/31
 - ii. RFP is for package #1 - Irrigon Jr/Sr HS Replacement (\$53.3M) & District Wide Safety and Security Improvements (\$3.75M)
 - iii. Mandatory pre-proposal meeting is 11/10, proposals due 12/09, recommendation of award presented to the Board at the 01/12/2026 regular board meeting
 - iv. Will issue RFP for package #2 immediately after, which is renovation of Riverside Jr/Sr HS Renovation (\$54.4M)
 - v. Will issue RFP for package #3 shortly after completion of procurement for package #2; package #3 is Heppner Jr/Sr HS Conversion to Heppner K-12 Facility (\$36.3M)
2. Procurement:
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 - b. Geotechnical Assessment
 - i. Issued Geotechnical Assessment quote request on 10/29
 - ii. Due back 11/17
 - iii. Includes Irrigon Jr/Sr, Riverside Jr/Sr, Heppner K-12 and SBES

- iv. Assessment will provide information for design of foundations, stormwater and other civil design elements
- 3. Budget:
 - a. Pending meeting with Mike Gorman, Morrow County Assessor, to discuss Columbia River Enterprise Zone (CREZ) funds
- 4. Site related:
 - a. Topographic and Utility Survey:
 - i. Field work has been completed; waiting on final title reports and anticipating having final deliverables the week of 11/10
 - b. Hazardous Materials Survey:
 - i. Should complete last of the field work the week of 11/10
 - ii. Have final reports by 12/31/2025
- 5. Communications:
 - a. Bond Oversight Committee (BOC)
 - i. Initial BOC meeting is 11/17 at Irrigon Jr/Sr HS
 - ii. BOC has good representation from all 3 communities
 - iii. Agenda will mirror Board report and provide an update to the BOC about the process to date, coordination of the initial design work, and master budget/schedule
 - b. Engaged with PacWest Communications
 - i. PacWest supporting the District with the overall communications strategy, to support both short and long term communications goals of MCSD
 - ii. PacWest provided a 90-day workplan, clarifying tasks and deliverables for the first 90 days
 - iii. Will work closely with MCSD Admin, IMESD, and Wenaha
 - iv. First phase will be to assess current communications and draft the communications framework
 - v. Second will be to finalize the strategy, align district and building level communications, and launch unified messaging
 - vi. Third phase will be to publish first content pieces, evaluate performance, and prepare for the next phase
 - vii. Have established metrics/performance measurement to confirm value add
- 6. Questions?