



A significant consideration for this bond program was ‘Safety infrastructure to enhance student and staff well-being.’ This was further defined in supplemental documentation to the SEL803 as ‘safety enhancements district-wide.’ To define the projects and assign budgets, the team initially met with the superintendent and board members in the summer of 2019. To further establish how safety and security measures would be implemented, the program executive team convened with a group consisting of the superintendent, a board member, a local police officer, and staff responsible for safety. The outcome of this meeting was the definition of safety and security under three key pillars:

1. **Access Control**
2. **Improved Visibility**
3. **Secure and Welcoming Environment**

Through defining sessions with this group, informational recommendations from experts, and input from staff, each of these pillars was practically implemented:

Access Control

One of the primary areas of focus was ensuring that school buildings remain secure while allowing for efficient and safe entry for students, staff, and visitors. Investments in fencing, gated entry points, and key card access systems have helped regulate who can enter school campuses at any given time. Additionally, secure vestibules were constructed at main entryways, requiring visitors to check in before gaining access to the rest of the building. These measures have created an added layer of security and prevented unauthorized access while maintaining smooth and controlled movement throughout school facilities.

Improved Visibility

Another critical improvement was enhancing visibility in and around school campuses to better monitor activity and respond quickly to any concerns. The installation of high-quality security cameras across all school sites significantly improved visibility, helping administrators and security personnel maintain a clear view of key areas. Additionally, the relocation of front office and administrative staff to new, strategically positioned areas allowed for better oversight of school exteriors, entryways, and high-traffic zones. These changes strengthened situational awareness, enabling school staff to be more proactive in identifying and addressing safety concerns before they escalate.

Secure and Welcoming Environment

While security enhancements were a priority, the District was mindful of creating an environment that feels safe and welcoming rather than imposing. Thoughtful design choices ensured that safety measures blended seamlessly into school architecture rather than resembling a high-security facility. Secure entryways and fencing were integrated in ways that complemented existing structures, while interior spaces remained bright and open to foster a positive atmosphere. This balanced approach reassures students, staff, and families that security is a top priority without compromising the warmth and inclusivity that define our schools. By investing in these improvements, the District took a proactive



stance on safety while preserving the inviting and supportive environment that the community values.

To accomplish these 'safety and security' standards, budgets were developed for each location. Within the SEL803, four major projects were outlined at:

- Ashland Middle School
- Helman Elementary School
- Ashland High School (Humanities Seismic and Science Building renovation)
- Walker Elementary School

In addition to these major projects, District-Wide budgets were established for:

- Technology
- Restrooms
- Security
- HVAC and MEP

These District-Wide budgets were set aside for improvements to sites not impacted by major projects, including:

- Bellview
 - Lincoln School
 - Willow Wind
 - Helman Elementary School (limited to front office and new addition)
 - Ashland High School (limited to seismic and science renovations)
 - District Office
 - Transportation
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- Maintenance

Funds from the District-Wide budgets were allocated to projects as they were scoped and initiated.

Budget Allocation and Investment Impact

Over the past six years, the Ashland School District has committed to ensuring the safety and security of students, staff, and the community. With a \$2.85 million budget allocated from the School Bond initiative passed by local voters, the District strategically leveraged resources to implement **\$26,480,369** in critical safety improvements across schools and facilities. These upgrades were guided by the School Board's priorities and focused on Access Control, Improved Visibility, and Creating a Secure Yet Welcoming Environment. By thoughtfully balancing security enhancements with the need for a positive learning atmosphere, the District significantly strengthened school safety while maintaining their inviting nature.

The total spent across the following categories was **\$26,480,369**:

- Relocation of main offices to provide maximized visibility to parking lots
- Safety vestibules
- Building lockdown systems



- Electronic door access
- Video electronic door access
- Security camera system
- Fencing
- IP speakers and clocks for emergency notification systems
- 3D scans of building interiors
- Upgraded fire suppression system
- Upgraded fire alarm system
- Playground safety enhancements
- Seismic upgrades at existing buildings
- Exterior lighting at buildings and parking lots

Conclusion

The Ashland School District has demonstrated a responsible and strategic approach in utilizing bond funds to enhance safety and security. Every decision was made in alignment with the priorities established by the School Board, expert recommendations, and community input. The improvements implemented ensure that students, staff, and visitors experience a secure yet welcoming environment, where safety measures do not compromise the inclusive and inviting nature of the schools. The investments made reflect a commitment to student and staff well-being while maximizing the impact of every dollar allocated for safety and security.



**ASHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
CAPITAL BOND PROGRAM
SAFETY AND SECURITY UPGRADES
MARCH 15, 2025**

AMS **\$ 3,963,153**

Main offices moved to provide maximized visibility to parking lot	690	\$ 500	\$ 345,000
Safety Vestibule	160	\$ 500	\$ 80,000
Building Lockdown	6	\$ 4,000	\$ 24,000
Electronic Door Access	41	\$ 5,500	\$ 225,500
Video Electronic Door Access		\$ 5,000	\$ -
Security camera system	63	\$ 5,000	\$ 315,000
Fencing (AMS TRAILS Campus)			\$ 190,640
IP Speakers and Clocks (for emergency notification systems)	196	\$ 3,000	\$ 588,000
3D Scans of building interiors			\$ 33,566
Upgrade Fire Suppression			\$ 589,541
Upgraded fire alarm system			\$ 401,505
Playground			\$ -
Seismic upgrades at existing building			\$ 1,032,927
Exterior lighting at building and parking lot (AMS TRAILS Campus)			\$ 137,474

TRAILS **\$ 688,292**

Main offices moved to provide maximized visibility to parking lot	384	\$ 500	\$ 192,000
Safety Vestibule	192	\$ 500	\$ 96,000
Building Lockdown	3	\$ 4,000	\$ 12,000
Electronic Door Access	28	\$ 5,500	\$ 154,000
Video Electronic Door Access		\$ 5,000	\$ -
Security camera system	15	\$ 5,000	\$ 75,000
Fencing			\$ -
IP Speakers and Clocks (for emergency notification systems)	44	\$ 3,000	\$ 132,000
3D Scans of building interiors			\$ 17,292
Upgraded Fire Suppression (AMS TRAILS Campus)			
Upgraded fire alarm system (AMS TRAILS Campus)			
Playground			\$ 10,000
Seismic upgrades at existing building			\$ -

Exterior lighting at building and parking lot
(AMS | TRAILS Campus)

Walker **\$ 7,416,658**

Main offices moved to provide maximized visibility to parking lot	1960	\$ 500	\$ 980,000
Safety Vestibule	120	\$ 500	\$ 60,000
Building Lockdown	2	\$ 4,000	\$ 8,000
Electronic Door Access	39	\$ 5,000	\$ 195,000
Video Electronic Door Access	1	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Security camera system	46	\$ 5,000	\$ 230,000
Fencing			\$ 280,348
IP Speakers and Clocks (for emergency notification systems)	81	\$ 3,000	\$ 243,000
3D Scans of building interiors			\$ 18,200
Upgrade Fire Suppression			\$ 410,471
Upgraded fire alarm system			\$ 305,300
Playground			\$ 292,729
Seismic upgrades at existing building			\$ 4,316,151
Exterior lighting at building and parking lot			\$ 30,000
Security Grills (Roil up)			\$ 42,459

Helman **\$ 1,055,036**

Main offices moved to provide maximized visibility to parking lot		\$ 500	\$ -
Safety Vestibule		\$ 500	\$ -
Building Lockdown	1	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Electronic Door Access	17	\$ 5,000	\$ 85,000
Video Electronic Door Access	1	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Security camera system	28	\$ 5,000	\$ 140,000
Fencing			\$ 266,765
IP Speakers and Clocks (for emergency notification systems)	65	\$ 3,000	\$ 19,800
3D Scans of building interiors			\$ 19,800
Upgrade Fire Suppression			\$ 107,018
Upgraded fire alarm system			\$ 118,350
Playground			\$ 273,294
Seismic upgrades at existing building			\$ -
Exterior lighting at building and parking lot			\$ -
Security Grills (Roil up)			\$ 16,009

Ashland High School**\$ 13,037,230**Main offices moved to provide maximized
visibility to parking lot

\$ 500 \$ -

Safety Vestibule

\$ 500 \$ -

Building Lockdown

12 \$ 4,000 \$ 48,000

Electronic Door Access

108 \$ 5,000 \$ 540,000

Video Electronic Door Access

\$ 5,000 \$ -

Security camera system

135 \$ 5,000 \$ 675,000

Fencing

\$ 591,025

IP Speakers and Clocks (for emergency
notification systems)

183 \$ 3,000 \$ 549,000

3D Scans of building interiors

\$ 48,100

Upgrade Fire Suppression

\$ 235,232

Upgraded fire alarm system

\$ 1,005,808

Playground

\$ -

Seismic upgrades at existing building

\$ 6,300,000

Science Roofing

\$ 484,982

ADA Access Improvements

\$ 2,560,083

Bellview**\$ 190,000**

Playground

\$ 40,000

Electronic Door Access

3 \$ 5,000 \$ 15,000

IP Speakers and Clocks (for emergency
notification systems)

40 \$ 3,000 \$ 120,000

Security camera system

3 \$ 5,000 \$ 15,000

Other Projects**\$ 130,000****Maintenance**

Electronic Door Access

7 \$ 5,000 \$ 35,000

Transportation

Electronic Door Access

3 \$ 5,000 \$ 15,000

Willow WindIP Speakers and Clocks (for emergency
notification systems)

20 \$ 3,000 \$ 60,000

Security camera system

4 \$ 5,000 \$ 20,000

Total**\$ 26,480,369**
