



Jefferson Modernization Project Update May 2024

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This message is part of a regular series of updates from the Jefferson Project team to keep you informed as the Jefferson Modernization project moves through its design phase. You can read previous updates [here](#).

Since our last [update](#), the Project Team continued studying the requirements for the new plan to build Jefferson High School on the north side of the property. They mapped out key project dates for the design, permitting, construction and completion of the new plan to develop an updated project schedule:

- Design & Documentation: May 2024 - October 2025
- Land Use & Permitting: February 2025 - February 2026
- Construction: Summer 2025 - Fall 2028
- Students & staff move into new building: Fall 2028
- Site work continues: Fall 2028 - Fall 2029

Students and staff will remain on site during the entire construction period. Construction will start in the summer of 2025, with students and staff moving into the new building in the fall of 2028. Work on the site and fields will continue after students and staff are in the new building, ending in mid-2029.

The team also has a revised estimated budget for the project: \$491 million. This figure includes construction estimates from Andersen Construction (our contractor) with support from a separate independent cost estimator (Rider Levett Bucknall). \$491 million is higher than the previous budget, so we will need to seek additional funding to complete the project. This would be like what happened when Benson was modernized: initial funding came from the 2017 Bond with supplemental funding from the 2020 Bond.

The Jefferson administration team and the Project Team worked together to [develop a new proposed community outreach plan](#).

The Project team updated the [Board of Education's Facilities and Operations Committee on March 20th](#), and the full [Board on April 2nd](#). The presentations included:

- A comparison of the previous and new modernization plans.
- Key components of the new modernization plan.
- Ideas for reducing the impacts to athletics during construction.
- The proposed community outreach plan.
- The plan for permitting and working with the City of Portland.
- An updated project schedule.
- An updated cost estimate and details of what factors led to the increased project cost.

The Board of Education confirmed at the April 2, 2024, meeting that the Jefferson High School Modernization Project will now move forward into the design phase with the new plan, including the new community outreach plan that will bring the ideas of more of the community members and partner organizations into the design process.

For more information about the project please visit <https://www.pps.net/JeffersonBond>. You can also ask questions of or share your opinions with the Project Team at JHSBond@pps.net. Thank you for helping us create a new Jefferson High School for the 21st century.

Jefferson Modernization project team