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Community Invited to Groundbreaking at New High School

Event set 1 p.m. on September 19 in southeast Bend

Community members, local leaders, school officials and students will join together to celebrate the groundbreaking for Bend-La Pine Schools' new high school in southeast Bend on **Thursday, Sept. 19 at 1 p.m.** The new 1,600-seat high school, which is slated to open to students in the fall of 2021, is part of the 2017 school construction bond.

"We are thrilled to celebrate the groundbreaking of our new high school alongside our community. We know this new school will go a long way to helping alleviate overcrowding at our Bend-area high schools and will offer exceptional learning opportunities for students," said Superintendent Shay Mikalson.

The groundbreaking ceremony will take place at the high school construction site at the corner of Knott and SE 15th Street in Bend. The event will include a musical performance from students at High Desert Middle School, a ceremonial groundbreaking and light refreshments.

The new high school will include nearly 60 new classrooms, including several Career and Technical Education classrooms, a 600-seat auditorium, a library as the central focal point of the school, a football stadium and other sports fields, two secure main entries and more. Chris Boyd will serve as the principal for the new school, which will be the first large high school to open in Bend in two decades.

About the 2017 school construction bond: In May 2017, voters in Bend, La Pine and Sunriver approved a construction bond that authorized Bend-La Pine Schools to sell \$268.3 million in bonds to fund the construction of two new schools and more than 150 safety, maintenance and classroom addition projects. These projects address continued enrollment growth, protect our community's investment in its schools, support economic growth and go far to protect our quality of life now and for future generations. Thanks to construction of new schools and classrooms, more than 400 additional jobs are sustained in Deschutes County each year, according to IMPLAN economic data. Learn more about the bond on our [2017 Bond webpage](#)

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