NEWBERG-DUNDEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

District Restructuring Information Requests

Board Meeting Requests, October 27, 2026

Feedback from Other Districts

We reached out to other districts in the state for experience or thoughts surrounding the closure of buildings and we received the responses below:

District	Key Takeaway	Information
Newberg	**Initial request:** Unexpected costs of closed schools? Model keeps 1.0 custodian, assumes 50% utility savings, expects ongoing HVAC/roof/equipment costs	For those of you that have closed schools, have you had any unexpected costs of those schools being closed? For example, In a model considering the closure of two (2) elementary sites, I'm retaining a 1.0 custodian and conservatively estimating a 50% savings in utilities for those sites. I anticipate there will still be maintenance costs associated with HVAC, roofs, equipment failures, etc. Any other thoughts or experiences you might share?
Springfield	Leasing adds wear and tear; moth-balled sites cost a lot to re-open; budget for grounds	A couple of questions: 1) Are you planning on leasing these out to other agencies? If so, there will be wear and tear for maintenance, etc. 2) Are you planning on "moth-balling" these sites? We have done this with one of our sites and it is now used for storage and some community use. We have "re-opened" this site for training purposes and relocated a school for temporary use due to a flood. This has significant costs associated with it. Also don't forget about the costs on grounds, etc.

Ashland	No cost info; describes community process (steering committee, surveys, town halls) and repeated pushback on financials	We are running into the same issues. Our Superintendent pulled together a Transformation Steering Committee last June and we have been meeting at least twice a month – it consists of Staff, Parents, and Community members. And – we have done many community surveys. We seem to have come to a consensus on a specific path forward – and plan to have a couple of Town Halls to present to the entire community. Then this weekend we get an email from a parent on the committee with these wild ideas that she thinks we should present at the Town Halls along with the plan that the TSC has arrived at consensus on and let the community choose. And – at each meeting there is always someone who wants to question the financials – I am super tired of justifying the numbers over and over again to people who have no idea how a school district actually operates.
HDESD	After-hours security for vacant buildings	You might want to include some expense for "after hours" security. In my experience, dormant buildings seem to attract people making poor choices.
Cascade SD	Grounds upkeep matters to neighbors and bond support; offered to compare utility costs	If you haven't already thought about it, grounds keeping maintenance as well. Residents who live around a school will make comments if the grounds look unkempt even if the school is closed. This was something I ran into while assessing one of our closed schools and I feel it helped having our maintenance folks make a more purposeful attempt in keeping the grounds looking good for when we went out for a bond. How large are these schools? I can see if I can run some numbers against ours and give you an idea what our facilities maintenance costs for utilities are if you are interested.
OASBO	A change in use may make sites subject to property tax	Will the facilities you are closing be used? I ask because for school use they are currently property tax exempt; however, changing the use of the sites may subject them to local property taxes.

WLWV SD	Savings: staffing, utilities, maintenance/custodial, deferred capital repairs	Typical savings come from: • Reduced staffing costs (principal, office staff, custodians) • Utilities and operations (electricity, water, natural gas) • Maintenance and custodial expenses • Deferred capital repairs on an aging building
Yamhill Co. Tax	Leased sites lose automatic tax exemption; a tax-exempt lessee must apply each year	Property that is owned by the school district but leased to another party will no longer be automatically tax exempt. The property may remain exempt from property taxes if it is leased to another tax-exempt organization, and the lessee applies for and is granted exemption. If the property is leased to a taxable party, however, the property will be taxable. Exemption is granted on an annual basis for each tax year, from July 1–June 30.
Crook County SD	Costs: teacher moving hours	We have closed a few schools due to closing two schools (at different times) and a year-long remodel in another school. When the teachers had to move to a different building, we paid them extra hours for their time. Also, it was shocking to discover how much “stuff” people had crammed into all the nooks and crannies – old curriculum that would never get used again, etc. So we had some extra disposal fees – our maintenance people took a couple of loads of stuff to the dump and I think we paid about $3K. We did have a big “yard sale” and made about $12K.