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Medford School District Superintendent Offers Thanks to Community
Bond to fund CTE facilities fails

The Medford School District leadership team would like to extend its heartfelt gratitude to supporters in the Medford School District community, though Measure 15-175 to construct CTE facilities at North Medford and South Medford high schools did not pass.

“I appreciate the confidence that the Board of Education has shown in pursuing this effort,” said Superintendent Dr. Shumate. “While we will not have facilities to expand career and technically education, we will continue to try to expand our pathways program to the best of our abilities using the resources we have. I would like to thank the community for their consideration in this effort.”

The \$25 million bond would have allowed the district to construct facilities at North and South high schools to accommodate new programs in Electrical, Plumbing, Carpentry, and HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning). The plan to expand CTE programs is part of the district’s strategy to further increase graduation rates and prepare all students for life after high school.

“We knew this was a short time-frame and it would be tough to get the information out to all voters,” said Medford School District Board Chair and campaign leader Karen Starchvick. “This is the beginning, not the end of the conversation and we’re going to keep talking about how we can make this happen next year.”

Dr. Shumate would like to thank the campaign committee for its tireless work spreading the word on how this bond would benefit students.

The bond would have amounted to a \$0.12 increase per \$1,000 of assessed value over the current bond costs. For a house assessed at a property value of \$265,000, the additional cost would be \$32 per year.

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