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## **Brookings-Harbor Voices PSA – Seismic Grant**

Hi, this is Sean Gallagher – Brookings Harbor School District 17C Superintendent here to talk to you about the districts award of \$1.5 million in grant funds to conduct a seismic retrofit project on Kalmiopsis Elementary School during the summer of 2017. This grant was awarded by Business Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority and was sponsored by the Seismic Rehabilitation Grant Program for the State of Oregon. This is a competitive grant process that is designed to increase the safety factors for public schools and emergency services facilities. The district is planning on resubmitting grant applications for Brookings Harbor High School and Azalea Middle School for second round of funding opportunities during the summer of 2016. 43

A project of this magnitude is usually funded by a local bond levy, especially if multiple grant awards are received. This saves the local taxpayers valuable tax dollars, allowing the district to extend the lifespan of existing facilities, and makes those facilities much safer for staff, students, and the general public to occupy. Currently the Brookings Harbor School District facilities are the local emergency shelters in the event of a natural disaster such as a seismic event, tsunami, or other related incident that would require shelter for community members. 32

The timeline for the project will include design and engineering through winter of 2017 with the construction phase during the summer of 2017. The school district will be a very busy place during construction with multiple crews, equipment, and supplies being used in the seismic retrofit. The local economy also benefits from local employment opportunities and purchasing of goods.

This project is just another example of safety practices that the Brookings Harbor School District is currently making great efforts in. For more information on the project, please visit the district website at [www.brookings.k12.or.us](http://www.brookings.k12.or.us)

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