



## Gresham-Barlow School District

# School District Streamlines Capital Planning Process with a Web-Based Solution

### Gresham-Barlow School District more effectively prioritizes capital requests with PlanningDirect

If your business administrator asked you to print a list of your school's current capital needs, how long would it take you?

For Terry Taylor, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor at Gresham-Barlow School District, the answer used to be "a 10 hour work day," but that was before he began utilizing SchoolDude's capital planning software, PlanningDirect. Today, he can generate a current capital needs report for the entire school district – or a customized report showing needed roof replacements at all schools or needed HVAC replacements only at the elementary schools – in under 3 minutes.

Gresham-Barlow's process before using PlanningDirect was very time intensive. Once a year, principals would submit their capital needs on forms, and the information would be typed into a spreadsheet. "Our information was out of date the moment you hit 'save' on the spreadsheet," said Terry.

PlanningDirect provided a more dynamic, efficient and effective method to capture capital planning needs. "Today, our principals have access to real-time information and can access their buildings' capital planning lists anytime, anywhere," said Terry. "They have become more effective managers, and our district can better prioritize and budget our capital projects."

With PlanningDirect, Terry effectively and efficiently organized quantified and prioritized more than 600 outstanding capital requests. "[Before PlanningDirect] it was impossible to manage our capital plan on a daily basis," said Terry. "Projects would come in, and I would have to stop what I was doing – or let them pile up." Now he sees every capital need and every potential impact updated in real-time, thanks to PlanningDirect's global view

PlanningDirect Seamlessly integrates Gresham-Barlows' capital projects with the district's other SchoolDude solutions. Through integrating capital projects with MaintenanceDirect, projects without sufficient maintenance resources are automatically moved back to the request list and recurring maintenance repairs are automatically moved from maintenance to a capital replacement issue.

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#### Who they are

**CLIENT:** Gresham-Barlow School District

**LOCATION:** Gresham, OR

**SIZE:** 12,000 students, 23 schools

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#### SchoolDude products used

**PlanningDirect**

**FSDirect**

**MaintenanceDirect**

**PMDirect**

**MySchoolDude**

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