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Seismic upgrade on schedule at
Brooklyn Primary and Baker High School

Representatives from Griffin Construction say work at Brooklyn Primary and Baker High School is right on schedule this summer.

At Baker High, crews are finishing the roof and painters will begin soon. The exterior color scheme will match the rest of the building. Although work is still ongoing in the gymnasium area, the lockers will be made available for the East-West All-Star Shrine Game on Aug. 4.

At Brooklyn, 90 percent of the roof work is complete. Inside, workers are focusing on the main wing near the gymnasium. Their goal is to finish interior work first in anticipation of staff returning in August.

This construction is focused on seismic upgrades so the buildings can better handle an earthquake. Work has included new roofs and windows, increased energy efficiency and new finishes. The tall, brick chimneys at both schools were removed.

These upgrades are funded by grants totaling $2.6 million.
About Baker School District 5J
Nationally recognized Baker School District 5J (BSD) in Baker City, OR, is the largest of three rural school districts in Baker County, serving 1,700 students and employing over 110 educators and staff. District elementary schools include Brooklyn Primary School, Haines Elementary, Keating Elementary School, and South Baker Intermediate. Baker Middle School and two high schools, Baker High School and Eagle Cap Innovative High School, are also part of BSD. Additionally, BSD sponsors two charter schools, Baker Web Academy and Baker Early College, each offering teacher-supported online education. BSD provides next generation education for the future of Eastern Oregonians and launched Baker Technical Institute (BTI), a career and technical program that partners with regional employers and industry experts to provide an innovative education in hands-on fields. BSD believes strong schools are the foundation of strong and vibrant communities and is committed to prepare students to become successful life-long learner.

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