



Proposed \$619.7 Million Bond For School Construction, Renovations, Expansions to Address Crowding/Safety

May 15, 2018 | Ballot Measure 24-429

WHAT'S IN THE PROPOSED BOND?

- Space to address crowding*, prepare for enrollment growth**
- Add or expand career-technical (vocational) education spaces at seven high schools
- Add or expand general education classrooms, science labs, special education classrooms
- Renovate or expand libraries, gyms and cafeterias
- Expand five high schools to 2,200 student capacity and one high school to 2,100 student capacity
- Add space for music programs

SECURITY, SAFETY AND SEISMIC RENOVATIONS

- Address areas rated very high for earthquake collapse
- Design additions constructed under the bond to re-occupancy standard, which means the building could be used as a community shelter
- Update electronic badge access systems
- Relocate or renovate front offices at 36 schools for better visibility of the front entrance
- Renovate many restrooms and general building entrances to ADA standard

TECHNOLOGY

- Expand the wireless network for equity of access to technology
- Classroom technology infrastructure
- Heating and cooling capability of network closets

IMPROVE EXISTING BUILDINGS

- Future repair or replacement of roofs, floors, HVAC systems, electrical and plumbing systems, parking lots, sidewalks, exterior paint, etc. at many schools and support buildings



HOW WERE THE PROJECTS IDENTIFIED?

Eighteen volunteer community members served on the Community Facilities Task force (CFTF) and reviewed the Long Range Facilities Plan. The CFTF made recommendations to the School Board on the work included in the Plan and how to fund the work.

The proposed bond is based on input from the CFTF, a community phone survey and input gathered from listening sessions with staff and community members.

WHAT IS THE COST?

If passed, the \$619.7 million proposed bond would increase the current property tax levy rate by an estimated \$1.24 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. If the bond does not pass, the additional tax would not be levied and the listed projects would not be completed. The CFTF reviewed all funding methods available to the district and recommended the School Board refer a general obligation bond to the ballot for voters to consider. The district would receive an \$8,000,000 grant from the state if the bond passes.

BOND OVERSIGHT

If the bond is passed by voters, the district will appoint a Community Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) to ensure funds would be spent in keeping with the promises made on the ballot title. The CBOC would meet regularly and provide updates to the School Board.

NEXT STEPS

To be eligible to vote in the May 15 election, you must be a registered voter and reside in the Salem-Keizer School District. Ballots will be mailed to registered voters on April 25.

You can register to vote or update your registration online at <https://goo.gl/uzpKLL>

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. HOW CAN BOND FUNDS BE USED?

A. Bond funds can only be used for costs associated with items listed on the ballot and cannot be used for general operations like staff salaries, benefits, supplies, utilities, etc.

Q. WHEN WAS THE LAST BOND PASSED IN SALEM-KEIZER?

A. The last bond passed by voters in the district was 2008.

Q. HOW MANY YEARS WOULD WE BE PAYING ON THIS BOND?

A. The 2018 bond would be a 20-year bond.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF THE BOND DOESN'T PASS?

A. An additional tax would not be levied and the projects listed would not be completed.

* About half of the district's schools have capacity needs, per the district's Long Range Facilities Plan, DOWA/ IBI Group, July 2017.

** Enrollment in Salem-Keizer Public Schools is projected to increase by 1,000 students in under five years, per enrollment study performed by Portland State University's Population Research Center, Charles Rynerson, August 2016; study refined by FLO Analytics, 2017.
