

## May 16, 2017 Election – Quick Facts Proposed Bonds for New Schools, Safety Improvements, Classroom Renovations and Preservation

### *What* .....

Bend-La Pine Schools’ 2016 Sites and Facilities teams, in partnership with the community, has developed a recommendation for a school capital construction bond request that proposes to address the following four major areas:

- **Provide Neighborhood Schools in High-Growth Areas:** Construct one elementary school and one high school to meet current and anticipated future overcrowding caused by decades of continuing enrollment growth.
- **Maintenance and Preservation at Existing Buildings:** Nearly half of the District’s schools are over 30-years-old, and projects are proposed to modernize these facilities. The bond funding would allow the District to replace leaking roofs and windows, and upgrade heating, ventilation, electrical, and plumbing systems. The bond will also allow the District to make money saving energy improvements to boilers, HVAC and lighting systems to many of its schools and facilities.
- **Classroom Additions and Modernization:** Many of the Districts classrooms were constructed decades ago. The bond will allow the community to add and renovate classrooms and support spaces at existing schools; including modernization of instructional spaces for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics and Physical Education.
- **Safety and Technology Improvements:** Make health and life safety upgrades including cameras, intercoms and entrance redesign to provide improved visibility of visitor access. Improve technology wiring and cabling to ensure students throughout the district have equal access to technology resources.

### *Why* .....

More than half of the district’s elementary schools and all of the district’s high schools in Bend are near or **over capacity, due to continuous enrollment growth.**

Between 2000 and 2016, school **district enrollment grew by more than 5,000 students.** According to state and local projections<sup>1</sup>, this trend is expected to continue. In fact, Portland State University’s Population Research Center projects that our District will grow by almost 3,000 students in the next ten years alone.

### *When* .....

The committee recommends that the Bend-La Pine Schools Board of Directors place a bond measure on the May 16, 2017 general election ballot.

**Proposed Projects** .....

➤ New Elementary School	\$ 33.2 million
➤ New High School	\$129 million
➤ Schoolwide Classroom Modernization ~ Pilot Butte Middle	\$ 13.7 million
➤ Classroom Additions ~ Marshall High	\$ 6.5 million
➤ Safety Improvements and Classroom Addition ~ Juniper Elementary	\$ 4.2 million
➤ District-wide Safety and Technology Projects	\$ 12 million
➤ Additional 153 Projects at 31 schools and support sites	\$ 69.7 million
 TOTAL RECOMMENDATION	<hr/> \$268.3 million

**How Much** .....

Thanks to the continued retirement of existing bonds, the overall tax rate is projected to increase by .44-cents per \$1,000 of taxable value annually, over the life of the bond. This amount is equal to an estimated cost of just over \$7 per month on a home with a taxable value of \$200,000.

**Job Creation** .....

The dollars invested in our community as a result of this construction bond is expected to **sustain hundreds of jobs each year.**

Bend-La Pine Schools plans to **hire local contractors** to do the construction work associated with the bond to the greatest extent allowed by law.

**Economic Engine** .....

Schools are not only the hub for learning in the **Bend, La Pine and Sunriver** communities, but also a place for community members to gather and host events.

During the 2015-16 school year alone, **community groups spent nearly 56,000 hours hosting events at our schools** and on our fields when classes were not in session. The **economic impact** of the regional and national events that took place in our community alone, at our schools, **is in the millions.**



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