

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, have developed a recommendation for a school capital construction bond request that, if passed, 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 growth¹.
- **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 proposed bond funding would allow the District to replace leaking roofs and windows, and upgrade heating, ventilation, electrical, and plumbing systems. The proposed bond would 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 District's classrooms were constructed decades ago. The proposed bond would 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**².

Between 2000 and 2016, **District enrollment grew by more than 5,000 students**³. According to state and local projections, this trend is expected to continue. In fact, Portland State University's Population Research Center projects that our District should grow by almost 3,000 students in the next ten years⁴.

¹ October 1 Historical Enrollment, Julianne Repman, Oct. 1, 2016

² Enrollment Projections, Brad Henry, Dec. 1, 2016

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⁴ Portland State University's Population Research Center report to Bend-La Schools, Charles Rynerson, November 2014

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.

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 \$7 per month on a home with a taxable value of \$200,000.