

Beaverton School District Capital Bond Measure – May 20, 2014

Why

Since 2006, Beaverton School District's enrollment has increased by over 2,600 students. District enrollment now exceeds 39,400 students. According to District facilities planning information, four of the five comprehensive high schools are near or over 100% capacity. There are a number of elementary schools near or over capacity. Enrollment projections by Portland State University Population Center and the District estimate that 5,400 additional students will enroll in Beaverton schools by 2025.

Components of the bond proposal

The Beaverton School Board has developed a **\$680 million school bond program** that would address repairs, provide new capacity, modernize and renovate all facilities, improve safety and replace outdated learning technology, curriculum and equipment over a projected eight-year period.

Due to retiring previous bonds, this measure is expected to result in no increase in the District's existing overall bond tax rate of \$2.11 per \$1,000 of assessed value for a projected eight years. Additional detailed information can be found at: www.beaverton.k12.or.us

Repairs

Protect the community's investment in schools. The bond proposal would provide repairs throughout the District such as replacing deteriorating roofs and upgrading outdated heating, ventilation, dirty drinking water pipes and other plumbing systems. For example, there are 20 deteriorating roofs that need to be replaced.

Modernize and renovate existing schools and District facilities and provide furnishings, equipment and site improvements.

Technology

Update technology infrastructure, learning equipment, digital curriculum and materials in classrooms, libraries, computer and science labs to improve teaching environments. Over 51% of computers in classrooms and facilities are more than 7 years old.

New Capacity Construction

Provide more capacity and relieve overcrowding by building three new schools:

- A high school
- A middle school
- An elementary school

The new schools would provide capacity for an additional 4,000 students and reduce the use of portable classrooms.

Safety and Security

Update safety and security systems, and make seismic and ADA improvements. Replace the District's failing twenty year old telephone system and improve 9-1-1 emergency response capabilities.

Renovations

Replace four outdated schools: Hazeldale, Vose and William Walker elementaries and the Arts & Communication Magnet Academy (retain Performing Arts Center) and construct new schools with improved learning environments and additional capacity.

Land Acquisition

Purchase land for future facilities.

Bond Project Costs

Address project management, legal requirements, and cost increases of construction and materials over the estimated eight-year bond program.

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This bond measure will appear on the **May 20, 2014** ballot. This is a **vote-by-mail election** and ballots will be mailed to all registered voters in early May. To be eligible to vote you must be registered or have mailed in your registration form by April 29, 2014.

Completed ballots must reach the Washington County Elections Office by 8 p.m. on May 20, 2014.
Ballots postmarked May 20, 2014 will not count. The turnout requirement does not apply in this election.