

## **VOTER PAMPHLET STATEMENT**

### **POLICY ISSUE / SITUATION:**

The School Board has approved bond projects totaling \$680 million to finance the costs of capital construction and improvements, including building and furnishing new schools, adding classroom space to keep pace with enrollment, expanding, upgrading and renovating existing schools and facilities, updating technology infrastructure, learning equipment, digital curriculum and materials in schools, acquiring land for future facilities, and paying bond costs.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- (14-383)** It is recommended that the School Board submit a Voter Pamphlet statement in support of the \$680 million bond measure that will appear on the May 20, 2014 ballot.

## **Please Join Us in Supporting Our Beaverton Schools**

As volunteer School Board members, we are responsible for protecting our community's investment in schools. Our children, teachers, valued school support staff deserve schools that are safe and sound. That is why this May's Beaverton School Bond is so important. This bond will reduce overcrowding, make critical repairs, improve safety, and upgrade technology infrastructure.

The bond will raise \$680 million by maintaining a bond tax rate of \$2.11 per \$1,000 of assessed value. **And because we are retiring some previous bonds, this measure will not increase the current bond tax rate we are paying today.**

Over a third of Beaverton's schools are over capacity. And every school has a backlog of critical repairs. While the Beaverton School District works hard to make do, it has been eight years since we passed the last school bond.

### **Reduce overcrowding**

Our district has grown by 2,600 students in just the last 8 years and overcrowding is a serious problem. We have students jammed into over 200 portable classrooms. The bond would build three new schools, and provide capacity for 4,000 additional students.

### **Protect the Community's Investment in Schools**

The bond proposal will provide critical repairs throughout the District such as replacing 20 deteriorating roofs and upgrading outdated heating, ventilation, dirty drinking water pipes and other plumbing systems.

### **Improve Safety and Security**

The bond will update safety/security systems, replace the District's failing twenty-year old telephone system to improve 9-1-1 emergency response capabilities, and make seismic and ADA improvements.

### **Update technology infrastructure**

Students are not getting the tools needed for an up-to-date education. Over 51% of computers in classrooms and facilities are more than 7 years old. This bond will update technology infrastructure, equipment, digital curriculum and materials in classrooms, libraries, computer, and science labs.

**Protect our investment in our schools.  
Vote Yes for our Beaverton Schools!**

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