



Bellevue Public Schools *Bond Information*

MAIL-IN ELECTION
Ballots Due by 5p.m. September 13, 2016

PROPOSED BOND
\$76 Million

The funds would *provide...*

It is necessary that the District expend funds for the purposes of: renovating, rehabilitating and improving the District's existing facilities, including but not limited to:

- Safety and Security upgrades and modifications
- Technology upgrades and improvements
- Athletic and Performing Arts facilities improvements
- Media center/computer lab upgrades, modernizations and conversions
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and, Plumbing and Electrical infrastructure improvements
- Roof repairs and replacements
- Environmental Abatement
- Acquisition and/or construction of real property and/or facilities for District use
- Constructing one or more additions to and related site improvements for such facilities and additions
- Acquiring necessary furniture, equipment and apparatus for such facilities and additions and other use by the District

WHY *NOW*?

It has been over 40 years since Bellevue Public Schools has encountered the need for a bond referendum. In the last 15 years alone, federal funding totaled about \$170 million dollars, and was used to maintain buildings, build new facilities, support staff salaries, and provide a rich tapestry of extracurricular opportunities for our students. BPS no longer receives this level of federal funding, and has had to scale back to make ends meet. Current safety, facility, and technology needs cannot be addressed with the limited resources we have. It takes a team to educate our students, and the Bellevue/Offutt Community is an important partner in our efforts to provide cutting edge technology and resources for them, as well as a safe and secure environment in which they can learn and grow.

What Would A Bond *Cost Taxpayers?*

On a \$100,000 home, a taxpayer will pay approximately \$16.13 per month of additional taxes.

What are the *alternatives?*

If BPS does not pass a bond, then the District would not have the resources to execute the list of major facility repairs needed over the next five years. In this scenario, costs would compound with further deferred maintenance. Areas in current or expected disrepair due to their life cycles include roofs, boilers, HVAC and other components would be repaired by maintenance as best they can until the passage of a bond or an additional revenue stream.