



News release

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Capital Bond elections set for April 28, 2020

School board okays Bond projects for STEM, safety, facility equity and space

School district board of directors voted unanimously to put a \$317.4 million bond on the April 2020 ballot for *Building the Future*.

Last fall the board commissioned a 30-person committee consisting of community members, staff and students to undertake an in-depth study of whether the district should pursue a 2020 bond election, and to determine what should be on the bond. The committee came back with a [recommendation](#) to the superintendent, who took the recommendation to the board in September 2019.

Darcy Walker, director of facilities and planning, who worked closely with the committee said, "The committee took their job very seriously and worked hard to create the best recommendation for the district. They had mounds of data and options to consider." The committee felt it was specifically important to have something for everyone on this bond, so the [projects](#) are evenly spread throughout the district at all grade levels.

The \$317.4 million bond will allow the district to maintain a stable tax rate, and helps prepare our students for the future by:

- **Giving our students facilities and tools necessary for STEM career pathways.**
 - The bond funds modernization and upgrades to high school classrooms to support the STEM career pathway programs and new science standards.
- **Ensuring equitable access and opportunities for students** by funding capital projects in every region, at every school except North Middle and Tambark Creek Elementary, which are new.
- **Increasing safety and security for students and schools.**
 - Secure locksets and keying systems will be added districtwide.
 - The bond includes funds to add access control systems at two high schools.
 - Upgrades to fire alarm systems, intrusion systems and fencing will also increase school safety.
- **Ensuring students have enough room to learn by adding [21st century learning and classroom space](#).**
 - Enrollment is growing, which creates a need for additional classrooms.

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- The 2020 bond reduces overcrowding by adding new elementary classrooms.
- Replacing worn-out elementary school buildings with modern schools provides additional capacity that better meets current and future needs, and helps keep class sizes lower.

Capital Bond projects and costs

Project Name	Project Cost
Add Classroom Space	
Add Thirty-Six New Elementary Classrooms at Eight Schools	\$ 33,755,000
Replace Aging Schools (in Lieu of Modernizing)	
Replace Madison Elementary School	\$ 59,243,000
Replace Jackson Elementary School	\$ 46,292,000
Replace Lowell Elementary School	\$ 59,640,000
Modernize and Upgrade Schools	
Modernize and Expand Cascade HS Science Building for Science Classrooms and Aerospace & Advanced Manufacturing Pathway	\$ 17,770,000
Modernize Everett HS Vocational Building for Medical & Health Careers Pathway	\$ 17,950,000
Upgrade Six Classrooms at Jackson HS for Science Classrooms and Information & Communication Pathway	\$ 3,964,000
Modernize Classrooms and Cafeteria at Everett HS Auditorium Building	\$ 27,583,000
Upgrade Cafeteria and Kitchen at Cascade HS	\$ 5,744,000
Upgrade Interior and Exterior Finishes at Everett HS Science Building	\$ 6,735,000
Upgrade HVAC, Roofing and Flooring Systems	
Upgrade HVAC Controls at Six Sites	\$ 7,304,000
Replace Roofing at Five Schools	\$ 9,372,000
Replace Flooring at Emerson ES and Silver Firs ES	\$ 1,231,000
Improve Safety and Security	
Install Security Fencing at Everett HS and Cascade HS	\$ 300,000
Upgrade Security Systems at Eleven Sites	\$ 208,000
Install Access Control Systems at Everett HS and Cascade HS	\$ 567,000
Replace Locksets and Keying Systems District-Wide	\$ 1,100,000
Upgrade Fire Alarm Systems at Mill Creek ES, Silver Firs ES, and Everett HS Science Building	\$ 1,361,000
Expand Parking Lots at Jefferson ES and Emerson ES	\$ 2,208,000
Improve School Sites	
Renovate Cascade HS Softball Field and Dugouts	\$ 1,649,000
Replace Synthetic Turf & Track at Memorial Stadium Football Field	\$ 2,440,000
Replace Aging Playground Equipment at Eight Elementary Schools	\$ 2,093,000
Upgrade Technology Infrastructure	
Upgrade Electrical Systems District-Wide	\$ 7,191,000
Modernize Student Information System	\$ 1,700,000
Total Amount of Bond Proposal	\$ 317,400,000

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