

News release



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Board of Directors places bond on ballot for April 22, 2014

Tax rate projection for local school taxes is \$6.55 per \$1000 – same as local school tax rate in 2013

On April 22, school district voters will consider a bond proposal that includes the following projects:

- **Remodeling Cascade High School science building** to meet science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) requirements
- **Expanding Cascade High School cafeteria** to accommodate the number of students attending the school
- **Energy and HVAC upgrades**, roof replacements, ADA upgrades and flooring replacements throughout the district – a routine part of the district's 40-year capital facilities plan to maintain schools and extend their useful life beyond the state's 30-year standard
- **Safety enhancements** to school entryways so that visitors enter and leave through one doorway that can be monitored. North Middle, Woodside Elementary, new elementary school #18 and Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison and Jackson elementary schools are slated for that safety enhancement.
- Fully modernizing and renovating of **North Middle School and Woodside Elementary School**. North was originally built in 1981; Woodside opened as a new elementary school in 1980. Both schools appear on the district's [40-year capital facilities modernization plan](#) among projects to be proposed for the 2014 bond.
- **New elementary #18** in the southern portion of the district to relieve overcrowding in that area
- **40 additional classrooms** in the form of new construction, conversions and portables. Based upon enrollment needs in the years of this bond, those additions could include but not be limited to Silver Fir, Mill Creek, Cedar Wood, Emerson, View Ridge, Jefferson, Woodside, Silver Lake, Forest View, Lowell, Hawthorne and Jackson elementary schools. These additions are designed to prepare for full day kindergarten classroom needs (when the state pays for staffing for that program, potentially by 2018) and reduced class sizes in grades K-3 (when the state pays for staffing for that lower class size, potentially by 2018)
- **Phase I of high school #4** in the southern part of the district where enrollment is growing the fastest. Cascade and Henry M. Jackson high schools are each well over optimum size of 1,500. Phase I of high school #4 will be approximately 136,000 square feet for approximately 750 students. The school will be master planned for Phase II for a full-sized, comprehensive high school for 1,500 students when student enrollment projections indicate such construction will be needed.
- Synthetic turf fields at **Cascade and Henry M. Jackson** high schools

Questions and answers about the bond project are on the [district website](#), and residents can expect an informational brochure with bond facts to arrive at their homes the week after spring break – that is the week of April 7, 2014

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