Shoreline Public Schools

2017 SCHOOL BOND Information

Bond Proposal

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Proposition 1
Vote by February 14, 2017
Ballots will be mailed to voters on January 25, 2017
At their October 10 meeting, the Shoreline School District Board of Directors unanimously approved a resolution placing a bond proposition on the February 14, 2017 special election ballot.

Shoreline and Lake Forest Park voters will consider a $250 million school construction bond to fund:

- Constructing an Early Learning Center at the Shoreline Children's Center site to house tuition-based preschool, Head Start and Early Childhood Education
- Rebuilding Einstein Middle School
- Rebuilding Kellogg Middle School
- Rebuilding Parkwood Elementary School

The Board made its decision based on a study and recommendation developed by the Facilities Planning Committee (FPC), consisting of parents, staff and community members, over the past year.

The committee thoroughly reviewed each facility's building condition report, which ranks the building structure, systems and safety components, as well as demographic studies projecting future enrollment growth. The FPC also heard reports and recommendations from the Instructional Program Planning Committee (IPPC), which reviewed the District’s instructional programs and configurations, resulting in recommendations to combine all early learning programs on one site and move 6th grade to the middle schools.

The purposes of the proposed projects are to:

- Alleviate elementary overcrowding and prepare for state-funded class size reductions;
- Provide learning environments to support student achievement;
- Expand and enhance early learning opportunities; and
- Design new buildings to improve school safety and security.
Shoreline School District is growing. A recent demography study conducted by Dr. Les Kendrick predicts our student population will grow by nearly 1,500 students over the next 10 years. With elementary school facilities currently at 96.4 percent capacity on average, additional classroom space will provide suitable learning environments for all Shoreline and Lake Forest Park students without overcrowding classrooms. This need is compounded with the expectation that the state legislature will continue to increase funding for reduced class sizes in the future, which will require additional classroom space.

The bond would fund construction projects that allow the District to reduce elementary class sizes, prepare for state-funded class size reductions and implement the board-approved IPPC recommendation to move the 6th grade to the middle schools. This will provide the District with the capacity and flexibility to meet the needs of our growing student community.
The following is the official ballot language for Proposition 1. Ballots will be mailed to all voters in the Shoreline School District on January 25, 2017.

The Board of Directors of Shoreline School District No. 412 adopted Resolution No. 2016-19, concerning a proposition to enhance the learning environment and relieve overcrowding. This proposition would authorize the District to: rebuild Kellogg Middle School, Einstein Middle School and Parkwood Elementary School; build an Early Learning Center at the Children’s Center Site that will house the District’s mandatory Early Childhood Education program, as well as Shoreline Children’s Center and Head Start programs; issue no more than $250,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 2016-19. Should this proposition be:

☐ Approved
☐ Rejected

How was the bond proposal developed?

The process to develop a bond recommendation began more than two years ago. In October 2014, the Board of Directors began studying and evaluating information and data relating to classroom capacity, projected enrollment, building conditions, debt capacity and instructional programming.

A committee was created to develop facilities recommendations to improve school facilities and support future student population growth. The Facilities Planning Committee (FPC) consisted of over 30 representatives from numerous stakeholder groups and thoroughly examined the current and future needs of our students, staff and community. The FPC presented their recommendation to the Board of Directors on June 20, 2016.

The Board of Directors held a first reading of the bond resolution on September 26, 2016 and unanimously approved the resolution on October 10, 2016.
What is the cost?

The District is requesting voter approval to issue a maximum of $250 million to fund construction. If the bond is approved, the State has estimated it would provide at least an additional 10 percent in matching funds.

If the bond passes, property taxes will increase an estimated average of $1.19 per $1,000 of assessed property value per year over the 20-year duration of the bond.

To calculate how much additional cost this would be for your home and property, use the following formula: $(\text{assessed property value}) \times 0.00119 = \text{estimated added local school tax per year}$.

Please note that this formula assumes a conservative two percent yearly property value increase. If assessed property values grow by more than two percent annually, the estimated added tax rate would be lower than $1.19 per 1,000 of assessed property value.

The graph below illustrates what your estimated total local school tax would be if the bond is approved. This includes the requested bond, all past bonds debt and school district levies. The light blue bars are the actual local school tax rates from 2008-2016 and the dark blue are the projected total local school tax rates if the bond proposal is approved. The graph assumes continued levy support at current levels, so future renewal of levies would not increase tax rates over the estimated rates shown.
Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Bond?
Much like a home mortgage, a bond is a contract to borrow money and repay it with interest. Bonds allow the District to finance new school construction, renovations and additions.

What are the differences between bonds and levies?
BONDS are for BUILDING:
- Bonds fund the building and modernization of schools
- Bonds are financed over a long period of time, typically 20 years
- Bond dollars cannot pay for classroom teachers, staff, programs or day-to-day support and expenses
- Bonds requires 60+ percent voter approval to pass

LEVIES are for LEARNING and student activities:
- Classroom support
- Student programs
- Regular ongoing maintenance of facilities
- Technology
- Transportation
- Require 50+ percent voter approval to pass

Who is eligible to vote on this bond?
All registered voters residing within Shoreline School District are eligible to vote on this bond.

How can I register to vote?
Visit the King County Elections website at: http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/how-to-vote/register-to-vote for information on how to register. You can register online or by mail until Jan. 16, 2017 or until Feb. 6, 2017 for new voters to register in person.

Are there tax relief programs available for those on fixed incomes?
Yes, King County offers tax relief programs for senior citizens and disabled persons who meet certain criteria. You can find more information at: http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/assessor/TaxpayerAssistance/TaxRelief
What is the anticipated order of construction projects?
While final phasing has yet to be determined, based on the current facilities conditions and the efficient and cost-effective use of transition spaces, the following order is being considered:

2016-2017: North City Elementary would be renovated to act as a transition school for the Early Learning Center and Parkwood Elementary. The design of the Early Learning Center is completed.

2017-2018: Children's Center, Early Childhood Education and Head Start students attend school at North City while the Early Learning Center is constructed. The designs for Parkwood, Kellogg and Einstein are completed.

2018-2019: The Early Learning Center opens. Parkwood students attend North City while the new Parkwood Elementary is constructed. Phased construction begins at Einstein and Kellogg allowing students and staff to stay on-site while the schools are rebuilt.


2020-2021: The new Kellogg Middle School and Einstein Middle School open.

Where can I get more information?
You can find more bond information, including video of an informational presentation, on our website at www.shorelineschools.org/bond. You can also contact us with your questions at 206.393.4412 or public.info@shorelineschools.org.
Join us for an informational presentation

Monday, January 23, 2017 at 10 a.m.
or
Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 7 p.m.
Shoreline Center, Board Room
18560 1st Ave. NE, Shoreline, WA

Superintendent Rebecca Miner and her staff are presenting over 70 informational bond presentations around the community. If your group or organization would like to schedule a presentation from a school district representative, you can do so by filling out the “Request a Presentation” form at www.shorelineschools.org/bond or calling 206.393.4203.

Remember to vote by February 14, 2017

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