

Notice of Measure Election

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Date of Notice
March 8, 2018

Name of District
Grants Pass School Dist. #7

Name of County or Counties
Josephine

Date of Election
May 15, 2018

Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the district's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Authorizes General Obligation Bonds to Construct and Renovate School Facilities

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Shall Grants Pass School District issue \$138,700,000 in bonds to enhance safety, renovate and replace facilities, and receive \$6,723,603 grant? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

Grants Pass School District No.7 has been awarded \$6,723,603 in State grants which will be available only if the bonds are approved. If not approved, these funds will go to another district. The District is the recipient of four Seismic Grants totaling \$6 million.

If approved, this measure would finance capital costs, including:

- Construct, equip and furnish two new middle schools to replace North and South Middle Schools;
- Safety, security, energy, technology, electrical and HVAC improvements throughout the District;
- New roofs for Lincoln and Redwood Elementary Schools;
- Addition of one classroom in the Performing Arts Center at Grants Pass High School and other Capital Improvements to District Facilities;
- Pay issuance costs.

Bonds will mature in 30 years or less from date of issuance and may be issued in one or more series.

Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:

- any measure referred by the district elections authority; or
- any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached? Yes No

Authorized District Official Not required to be notarized.

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By signing this document:

- I hereby state that I am authorized by the district elections authority to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and
- I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.



Signature

March 8, 2018

Date Signed

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Grants Pass School District is proposing a capital bond to improve the safety and security of all buildings in accordance with recommendations, create 21st Century learning environments to provide students additional opportunities to become career and college ready, address capital needs that could result in loss or damage to existing District buildings or property, and alleviate overcrowding and structural deficiencies at North and South Middle schools. The middle schools have seen an increase in enrollment since 2000 of nearly 25% and are over capacity.

The District serves over 6,000 students in 10 schools across nearly 30 square miles. Some buildings were built in the 1950s - 1960s and are showing structural deficiencies, are overcrowded, and were constructed when student security issues were not as significant.

If the voters approve this bond, the District will receive \$6,723,603 in matching funds from the State. If the bonds are not approved, the State will give these funds to another school district that successfully passes a capital improvement bond.

The District has engaged three architect and engineering firms to conduct facility capacity and condition studies. These studies indicate that five of nine buildings are in poor condition and need to be upgraded or replaced. Additionally, through community surveys and meetings, the Board and Administration have developed the following project priorities:

1. **Improve districtwide student/staff safety and security:**
 - Update doors, door locking mechanisms
 - Improve emergency alert systems
 - Update Camera Systems

2. **Relieve overcrowding and provide capacity to meet projected enrollment needs:**
 - Replace North Middle at current location;
 - Build new South Middle adjacent to Redwood Elementary;
 - Renovate existing South Middle to be used as an Alternative Education Site, Youth Transition Program site and house other District programs.

3. **Protect Community Investment in existing facilities:**
 - Replace old boilers with new HVAC units to provide adequate heating/cooling and sufficient air flow and air exchange;
 - Replace failing electrical panels; expand electrical service at Allen Dale, Highland, and Riverside elementary schools;
 - Replace windows at Allen Dale, Highland, and Riverside to provide greater energy efficiency;
 - Replace flooring containing asbestos at Allen Dale, Highland, and Riverside ;
 - Replace failing roofs at Lincoln and Redwood elementary schools.

4. **Create 21st Century Learning Environments**
 - Upgrade technology infrastructure at all schools;
 - Purchase new and replacement technology devices for students and staff;

- Create flexible learning spaces to support current and future teaching and learning strategies and better prepare students for careers after high school or college.

The cost for these projects is estimated to be \$138.7 million.

The tax rate on the bonds is projected to be \$1.95 per thousand of assessed value or \$322 annually on a home with an assessed value of \$165,000. The actual rate may differ based upon growth in assessed values and interest rates incurred.

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