

April 26, 2016 School Bond Election Information

Top 3 Reasons Why We Need A School Bond Now

1. Enrollment Growth

Rapid and continued growth in the District has resulted in an increase of enrollment by 2,000 students over the past four years. Our schools are fast becoming crowded and we conservatively project enrollment growth to increase by 1,500 to 2,000 students over the next five years.

2. Full Day Kindergarten and Smaller Class Sizes

State requirements and our own desire to provide full day kindergarten for all students and to reduce class sizes result in the need for more classrooms.

3. Land Availability

Property to build new schools is becoming scarce and waiting will result in fewer viable options for future school sites. In addition, recent interpretations of the Growth Management Act reduce our options for locating schools.

The Details

How much is the bond and how will it affect my taxes?

The school bond on the April 26, 2016 ballot is \$533.5M. Residents can expect to see no increase in school tax rate as a result of the passage of this bond measure.

What about the last 2012 Bond?

Thanks to our voters, we are completing the build out of the projects in the 2012 Bond. We have expanded and remodeled Apollo Elementary, Issaquah Valley Elementary, and Maywood Middle School. Additionally, Liberty High School was rebuilt and remodeled. We are currently rebuilding Issaquah Middle School, Sunny Hills Elementary, and building the new Gibson Ek choice high school for a fall of 2016 opening. We will begin the rebuild of Clark Elementary in the summer of 2016 for a fall of 2017 opening.

Detailed information, including a list of projects on the 2016 Bond and a quick fact sheet, is available on our District website at <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/2016-school-bond-feasibility>