



NEWS FROM SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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South Lyon Community Schools places bond proposal on May ballot

The South Lyon Community Schools Board of Education has voted to place a \$97.185 million bond proposal on the May 5th ballot. If approved by voters, there will be no change in the current tax rate.

The comprehensive bond proposal addresses needs in six general categories:

1. building additions to accommodate growth in student enrollment and maximize instructional space
2. student safety and school security
3. technology infrastructure and equipment upgrades
4. building updates and furniture replacement
5. site improvements
6. improving athletics, arts, and academics

"Over 400 projects will be addressed if voters approve the May 5th proposal," said Interim Superintendent Dr. George Heitsch. "In addition to addressing projects like roof and parking lot replacements that are related to aging school facilities, the bond proposal will provide revenue to enhance student safety, accommodate student growth, and upgrade technology equipment and technology infrastructure."

The bond proposal was developed following a comprehensive facility assessment conducted by the school district's administrative staff and architectural, technology, and construction specialists. Their recommendations were then reviewed by students, staff, community members, and the Board of Education before the ballot proposal was developed.

"The facility assessment process led to a bond proposal that will affect every student and facility in the South Lyon Community Schools," said Heitsch.

"If this proposal is approved by voters, it will address the school district's facility priorities and position the school district for the future," Heitsch added. "We expect that a successful bond election will positively affect our students and other members of the community well into the 21st Century."

According to School Board President Carrie Hanshaw, "A successful bond proposal will provide the school district with revenue to update and enhance our school facilities and provide a learning environment that supports quality instruction for years to come." Hanshaw said that she believes voter approval of the ballot proposal will build on what voters have provided the school district in the past and be a significant step toward a positive future for our students and our community. "Some of the proposed projects will address items that are beyond their life expectancy," she added. "Other projects will help the school district continue enhancing student safety, updating technology, and renovating the learning environment. We believe a successful bond proposal will make South Lyon an even better school district."

Interim Superintendent Heitsch said the school district will be producing informational materials, posting bond information on the website and in all school buildings, and making community presentations to explain the various components of the election proposal. "We want to make sure members of our community understand the ballot proposal, and that all of their questions are answered before the May 5th election."

Registered voters can cast their ballot at the polls on Election Day or from March 21 through Election Day by absentee ballot.

To obtain bond-related information, residents of the school district are invited to visit www.slcs.us and click on *2020 School Election*. Residents are also invited to call any South Lyon Community Schools Principal or contact Interim Superintendent Heitsch at 248.573.8100 or by email at heitschg@slcs.us.

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